



Isaiah 43:18-19

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Forgetting the past - Did you ever meet someone who always says what a great thing God did (like saving his life in a car accident) but never says what a great thing God is doing for him/her right now? God is not saying that the past things are unimportant but only that He is the Living God and wants to make a difference in our lives everyday. **We do not have to keep paying for the mistakes of the past.**

Striving for the new - God likes doing something new. Even more God likes involving us in His new plans. Unfortunately, the **NEW** you might not be liked by your **OLD** friends. God stretches us to be the best we can be. That may mean leaving the old things behind.

Trust - The temptation is to not trust God. This is why we need to constantly be aware or alert. God doesn't want us to fail. He has made it that we can endure. God will show His extraordinary power in the midst of every one of our trials.

Special Note: The trials in our lives can be used to either destroy us, or to change us for the better. If we allow God to work in our lives. He promises to use them to change us for the better.

STEP OVER A PROBLEM

Step 1: Trials **Step 2: Perseverance** **Step 3: Character** **Step 4: Hope**