

NEW WINESKINS
"Commitment to Change"

Luke 5:36-39

1. NECESSITY FOR CHANGE.
 1. Change necessary for survival.
 2. Preparation for new move of God.
 1. New agreeth not with old.
 2. New wine burst old WINESKINS.
 3. We will change or miss out.
 4. Always need for change until we have arrived.
 1. Change is ever learning, realizing we don't know it all, don't have it all. Still room for improvement.
 2. Easy to change when we realize we've been a failure, but what if we have not necessarily been a failure, but not been the success we could be.
 3. Being satisfied thwarts growth.

2. RESISTANCE TO CHANGE.
 1. The old is better--do it like we used to.
 1. This is the way we've always done it.
 2. Some things gone forever--never be that way again.
 3. We've never done it this way before--try something different.
 2. Status quo is comfortable--change is painful.

3. PROCESS OF CHANGE.
 1. Attitude - What we think about or how we relate to something.
 2. Change of mindset - Make choice; purpose to do; set direction.
 3. Behavior.

4. MOTIVATION FOR CHANGE.
 1. Tired of being what we are.
 2. Change through crises.
 1. Threat of loss - home, family, health, business.
 2. World conditions may drive people to God.
 3. Change from materialism to spirituality.
 3. Change through encounter.
 1. Jacob after wrestling with angel.
 2. Saul after heavenly light visitation.
 3. Peter after Pentecost.
 4. See something better - see what we can be.
 5. Cloud is moving us on.

5. ULTIMATE GOAL FOR CHANGE.
 1. Becoming more scriptural or Biblical.
 2. Becoming more like Jesus.

6. STORY OF PRODIGAL SON.
 1. Mighty famine - began to be in want.
 2. Fell to lowest (hogpen).
 3. When he came to himself (attitude).
 4. I will arise and go to my father (mindset).
 5. Father, I have sinned (change of heart; repentance).
 6. And he arose and came to his father (action).

7. CHANGE REQUIRES COMMITMENT (PLEDGE) AND PRICE).
 1. May lose old friends.
 2. Change lifestyle.
 3. Not everyone will share your enthusiasm.