



Moving from Surviving to Dreaming Again // Jeff Brodie // January 3, 2021

In many ways, we are living in a time of accelerated change. 2020 was a year where we experienced things we've never experienced before, and life will never be the same. But how do you move from seeing change as a threat to seeing it as an opportunity? How do you move from surviving to dreaming again?

Scripture: [Isaiah 43:14-19 NLT](#); [2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NLT](#)

Bottom Line: God wants to do a new thing, not the same thing.

Getting Started:

1. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most excited, how would you rate your enthusiasm about change in general?
2. If change is something you don't like, why do you suppose that is?

Jumping In:

3. What's one change you see in your life right now that feels like a threat? What's one change you could see as an opportunity?
4. Jeff shared that it's impossible to survive and dream at the same time. Where have you seen this in your life? Do you think this is always true?

Discuss:

5. Read [Isaiah 43:14-19](#). In these verses God points to his past faithfulness as a guarantee for his continued faithfulness. How does God's past activity in your life give you confidence in the present and into the future?
6. Read [2 Corinthians 4:16-18](#). Paul talks about our bodies as being temporary but God renewing us daily at the same time. Paul often discusses death and eternity together. Why do you suppose this is?
7. Both passages emphasize God's desire to do something new in the future. Why do you think God doesn't leave us as we are but is focused on doing new things in our lives until we are with him in eternity?
8. In what area(s) of your life would you like to see God do a new thing? What might that look like?

Moving Forward:

As you pray this week for God to show you where he is doing a new thing in your life, do you have any guesses what he might point you to? Share this with your group so they too can be praying for a new thing in that area of your life.

And consider this prayer as you move forward into your new year: *God, I want to see where you are doing a new thing in my life.*

'Imagine that we could live each day as full of promises. Imagine that we could walk through the New Year always listening to a voice saying to us: I have a gift for you and can't wait for you to see it!' - Henri Nouwen