

What Has God Said to You, Lately?

Psalm 98:1-8

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Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him...

Memory Verse: *“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!”* —Isaiah 43:18-19b (Pew Bible Page 1127)

1. Prepare

“Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” The disciples did so, and everybody sat down. —Luke 9:14-15 (Pew Bible page 1609)

Hudson Taylor’s trip to China

After Hudson Taylor prayed, he came up, confident that God would answer his prayers. "Let down the corners of the main sail," he said to one of the sailors.

"We asked for wind and I believe God will give it."

The man let down the sail, grumbling as he worked. But as he did, the wind grew and soon filled the sail, just in time to save them from the danger!

Widow and oil.

“Elisha said, ‘Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side.’”

—2 Kings 4:3-4 (Pew Bible page 574)

2. Return to Your First Love

“Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.”

—Revelations 2:4 (Pew Bible page 1914)

Railroads in the 1880’s: Train business or transportation business?

Swiss watchmakers: Precise gear and spring or time telling business?

Sports Illustrated: Magazine business or Sports information business?

The United Methodist Church: Survival business or disciple making business?

“What’s Our Purpose” —Chuck Fowler April 2010 District Newsletter.

3. **Go:** Servant Evangelism

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.”
—Matthew 25:45 (Pew Bible page 1542)

Small group meeting focused outward—Grocery give away.

One sent food to another...

One needed food but also needed to know what it meant to be a Christian...

Another had not had food for a couple of days...

One lady had a paralyzed arm...

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.
—1 Peter 3:15

Power Evangelism today comes out of acts of service.

Conclusion:

July 10, Oakland U and Oakland U-Serve,

Greeter training in the morning,

Free car wash in the afternoon.

We need Inviters, Washers, Refreshment Servers, and Offers to Pray.

40 Days of Outreach. Sept. 26—October 31, 2010.

This Summer, I need persons to preview an 8-session small group teaching on servant outreach with me.

What has God said to you, lately? _____

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