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Make us New

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“And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind and unplug the ears of the deaf. The lame will leap like a deer, and those who cannot speak will sing for joy! Springs will gush forth in the wilderness, and streams will water the wasteland. The parched ground will become a pool, and springs of water will satisfy the thirsty land. Marsh grass and reeds and rushes will flourish where desert jackals once lived.”

Isaiah 35:5-7 NLT

Make Us New

How's your walk with God? I ask because I really care. Perhaps you made a New Year's resolution to spend more time with Him? How's that going? Maybe you dove headfirst into a ministry opportunity you're excited about leading or engaging in this semester? Or maybe you and God haven't been on good terms for quite a while.

Read Isaiah 35:5 and meditate on these words for just a moment: **“And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind and unplug the ears of the deaf.”**

Did anything stand out to you? What might God want to reveal to you as you contemplate these words?

I confess when I first read these words I thought: *I'm not blind or deaf, this passage doesn't apply to me.* But as I sat still and quiet for a few minutes I finally heard God's voice speak to me above my own thoughts: *You're right, you're not deaf but you might as well be because you have not been listening for, listening to, or accepting the things I have to say about you.*

Without God we are all blind and deaf. His word is a “lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path,” (Psalm 119:105). Without God our souls are like a dry desert. Maybe that's why it's been so hard to see your way forward? Maybe that's why you've felt so lost? Maybe that's why you've felt so parched?

With God everything can be made new! Would you like to have your eyes opened to be able to see Jesus more clearly? Would you like to have your ears opened to be able to hear Him speak to you? Would you like to leap and dance in the joy of your salvation? Would you like to experience the Spirit pour out into your life making you vibrant and fruitful?

Take a moment to make Jesus the Main Thing in your life today and ask Him to come into your life and make you whole. Don't rush off, sit in the stillness and ask Him what new things He wants to do in your life.

Upcoming:

1. This next week beginning Monday January 28 is **Student Week of Prayer “Bare Feet, Holy Ground.”** Come join us at 8pm every night in the University Church for

testimonies of how God can make us new! Check out @saucampusministries to see which students will be sharing their testimonies!

2. **PraXis begins February 3rd** - 10 days of prayer and revival following our Student Week of Prayer. After hearing the powerful testimonies from students whose lives have been transformed, let's gather together and ask for the Holy Spirit to pour out in each one of our lives, on our campus, and in our community! We will be praying, worshiping, and journeying through the book of Acts together every night at 7:00 p.m. Each night, we will receive a specific, 24-hour challenge to live more faithfully to God in the power of the Holy Spirit in every aspect of our lives.

-Pastor Anna Bennett