

And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear call, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle? 1st Corinthians 14:8 NLV

FLM PRAYER STUDY # 133

Are You a New Wine Skin?

And no man puts new wine into old wineskins; else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled and the wineskins shall perish. But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved. No man also having drunk old wine, straightway desireth new; for he saith, The old is better.

Luke 5:37-39

In the natural a wineskin is sewed up animal skins used as we use beverage bottles. In the spiritual a wineskin is our spirit man that tabernacles the Holy Spirit. In the spiritual wine represents joy and the filling of the Holy Spirit. New wine represents present day truth.

Characteristics of an Old Wineskin

- a. In the natural
 1. No elasticity or flexibility
 2. New wine splits old wineskins because of the violence of the fermentation bursts the wineskin open.
- b. In the spiritual
 1. Bound up in religious tradition of men rather than weighing out what the Bible scripture says. Jesus was crucified because he preached against religious tradition. *Making the Word of God of no effect through your tradition, which you have delivered, and many such things you do.* Mark 7:13
 2. Refuses to receive present day truth(*Wherefore, I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and are established in the present truth.* 2nd Peter 1:12). *You are of your father the devil and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own; for he is a liar and the father of it.* John 8:44
 3. Resists new moves of God. *And they watched Him, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath day, that they might accuse Him.* Mark 3:2
 4. Represents Law. *But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.* Matthew 15:9

Characteristics of New Wineskins

- a. In the natural
 1. Flexible
 2. Able to hold new wine
- b. In the spiritual
 1. Not bound by religious tradition. *For in Him [NOT IN RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS] we live and move and have our being.* Acts 17:28
 2. Open to present truth. *Wherefore, I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and are established in present truth.* 2nd Peter 1:12
 3. Open to the Holy Spirit. *If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask for Him?* Luke 11:13
 4. Show Grace, New Life, and Freedom. *And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.* 2nd Corinthians 9:8

In order for Old Wineskins to hold New Wine, they must be soaked in water to soften them. Then they must be greased with oil to prevent leaking and evaporation. They are often boiled in hot water and pounded to add flexibility and sterilized by adding sulphuric acid.

How do we become New Wineskins?

1. **Be willing to be tested and walk out a wilderness experience.** In **Luke 4:1-14** Jesus went out into the wilderness full of the Holy Spirit and led by the Holy Spirit to be tempted by the devil. He returned from this experience after 40 days of fasting in the power of the Spirit. If Jesus had to walk this walk, and He is the pattern Son, we too will have to know times of wilderness. But always remember, Hosea wrote in **Hosea 13:5:** *I[the LORD] did know you in the wilderness, in the land of great drought.*
2. **Count it all joy and praise Him in spite of circumstances:** *Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to test you, as though some strange thing happened unto you, but rejoice, inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ's sufferings that, when His glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy.* **1st Peter 4:12-13** *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into*

various trials, knowing this, that the testing of your faith works patience. **James 1:2** Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered, and being made perfect, He became author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him. **Hebrews 5:9** For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him but also to suffer for His sake. **Philippians 1:29** Yea, and all that will live godly lives in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. **2nd Timothy 3:12**

3. PUSH THROUGH! ...*Occupy till I come.* **Luke 19:13b** Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 3:13-14** For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest you be wearied and faint in your mind. **Hebrews 13:3**

4. Recognize that without Him you are NOTHING! *I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye sees you. Wherefore, I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes.* **Job 42:5-6** Then said I, Woe is me! For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. **Isaiah 6:5** Therefore, I was left alone and saw this great vision, and there remains no strength in me, for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. **Daniel 10:8** And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, "Fear not; I am the first and the last; I am He that lives, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen, and have the keys of hell and of death." **Revelation 1:17**

5. Love not the things of the world. *For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.* **1st John 2:15** Abstain from all appearance of evil. **1st Thessalonians 5:22** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. **Colossians 3:2**

6. Surrender to the Lordship of Christ by being willing to die to self: This experience is for those who desire to go all the way with the Savior. The Jordan River types a division between the Carnal Christian Life and the Spirit-filled Christian life, between wandering with murmuring and complaining in the Wilderness, where we are so vulnerable to the temptations of the enemy, to entering a new and living way in a land flowing with milk(foundational truths of God's Word-1st Corinthians 3:2) and honey(sweet revelation from the Word-Psalm 119:7-11 and Revelation 10:9-

10). As you recall, it is with the Rhema Word of God(Ephesians 6:17, i.e. the individual scripture which the Spirit brings to our remembrance for use in time of need)that we defeat the power of the enemy and live victoriously over the kingdom of darkness. That's not to say there are lesser attacks or lesser trials. The first act of Joshua in the promised land after crossing the Jordan and setting up the memorial stones was circumcising all the males. This represents a cutting away of the flesh nature and is painful. Also, we are called to slay the Giants. It becomes a subtle shift between living in defeat because of bondage to sin to becoming a threat to the kingdom of darkness and thus being on the enemy's hit list. The desire to pray and the power in prayer is greatly accelerated when we pray under the leadership and in the power of the Holy Spirit, when we have crossed the Jordan and begin to pray His Word and His Will. Previously, as carnal Christians-old wineskins-we figuratively fought the enemy with muskets and bayonets. When we have a "Crossing the Jordan" experience, we fight him with atomic bombs-that is the *dunamis* power of the Holy Spirit working in us.

Old Buddha

Well, old Buddha was a man,
And I'm sure that he meant well
But I pray for his disciples, lest they wind up in hell.
And I'm sure that old Muhammad thought he knew the way,
But it won't be Hara Krishna we stand before on the Judgment Day.

Now I don't hate anybody, so please don't take me wrong
But there really is a message in this simple song.
You see there's only One Way-Jesus, if Eternal Life is your goal.
And meditation of the mind, it won't save your soul.

Now you can call yourself a Baptist and not be born again,
A Presbyterian or a Methodist, and still die in your sin.
You can even be Charismatic, shout and dance and jump a pew.
But if you hate your brother, you won't be one of the chosen few.
Cause it won't be a Baptist, that's sittin' on the throne,
A Presbyterian or a Methodist that's callin' us home.
It won't even be a Charismatic, that plays that trumpet tune.
So let's all just live for Jesus, because He's coming back real soon.

CHORUS

No, it won't be old Buddha, who's sitting on the throne
And it won't be old Muhammad, whose calling us home.
And it won't be Hara Krishna, who plays that trumpet tune,
And we're going to see the Son, not Reverend Moon.

