

“Old Or New Wineskins”
Mark 2:21-22
3/17/24
Message 7

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “Old Or New Wineskins”

- **Lordship / Discipleship**

- **As we have gone through Mark**

- The Lord has led me to share about Lordship / Discipleship
- To Encourage and Exhort us to make sure
 - We are in the faith
 - That we are growing deeper
 - That we are not just going through the motions BUT that we really do have a deep and growing relationship with Jesus
 - Not just playing church BUT being the Church His Body
 - That if we say we love Him then we will Obey Him

John 14:15 (NKJV)

15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments.

- That we truly are building our lives upon the Rock

Luke 6:46–49 (NKJV)

**46 “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?
47 Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show
you whom he is like:**

48 *He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.*

49 *But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”*

- **Today’s Message is another that will challenge us**

- I pray the Lord uses this message to grow us deeper in Christ

- **Review – What Does It Mean – Jesus is a friend of Sinners**

- **The Call Of Levi (Matthew) vs. 13-14**

- The Call of Matthew the despised Tax Collector
- The Answer To the Call by Matthew – Follow Me

- **The Crowd He Ate With vs. 15-17**

- Matthew though Jesus a Party
- Many of Matthews friends attended
- Jesus accused of Eating with SINNERS
- The application
 - We too should be very loving to sinners
 - But we must understand Jesus came to call sinners to repent

Mark 2:17 (NKJV)

17 *When Jesus heard it, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”*

- The main mission with lost souls is not to make them feel comfortable in SIN But to let them know there is a Savior!
- **The Controversy About Fasting vs. 18-20**
 - Why don't your disciples FAST
 - How can they while the bridegroom is with them
- **The Contrast That Jesus Gave In The Parable He Taught vs. 21-22**
 - Last week we look briefly at the parable of the old & New wine skins
 - This is where we will pick it up today

• **Today - We will look at 3 Impactful Truths about Old & New Wineskins**

- The Context – Old & New Wineskins vs. 21-22
- Are We Old Wineskins? (Revelation 2-3)
- New Wineskins – Do We Need Revival Acts 2

The Context – Old & New Wineskins vs. 21-22

• **First: The Illustrations of garments and wineskins vs. 21-22**

- **1st No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment v. 21**

Mark 2:21 (NKJV)

21 *No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse.*

- The danger of trying to put something new on something old is clear
 - Illustration – 501 Jeans – Button Fly

- What was it 2 sizes up – then the shrunk
- Now Imagin sowing a new piece of Jeans on an old pair –
 - Not going to work
- **2nd New wine must be put into new wineskins v. 22**

Mark 2:22 (NKJV)

22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins."

- **The same principle was true for wineskins.**
 - Explain the wineskin fermentation process
 - When the grapes are crushed, the juice begins fermenting on its own.
 - Yeast takes the natural sugars in the grape juice and produces alcohol and carbon dioxide.
 - The newly squeezed grape juice would be placed into wineskins, or leather bags, to continue to ferment.
 - The release of carbon dioxide during the fermenting process causes the wineskin to expand.
 - New wineskins are flexible and able to stretch as the pressure of the carbon dioxide grows.
 - An old wineskin has already been stretched out.
 - If you put new wine into an old wineskin,
 - It isn't going to be able to stretch, and when the carbon dioxide begins to build up while the wine is fermenting, the wineskin will burst.

○ **3rd Lesson - Jesus is TEACHING**

- “Old” –
 - The way of Pharisees – Law
 - Coming to God THROUGH the LAW
- “New” –
 - There is NO Patching UP or Using an OLD Wineskin
 - We are doing something NEW – Jesus
 - The way of Jesus (His teaching) – Grace
 - Now Coming to God Through Jesus
 - Jesus would establish a New Covenant in His blood
 - Written on human hearts...not on tablets of stones
- When you trust Jesus Christ...you become part of a NEW CREATION
 - Sadly - The religious leaders resisted the NEW
 - HOLDING TO THE Traditions of men

Are We Old Wineskins (Revelation 2-3)

• **First: Examine Our Hearts**

○ **1st We too can be Old Wineskins...**

- Ask yourself are you and OLD wineskin
 - **Now - I know In Christ we are all – New Creations**

▪ **But At times we may become**

- Dull / Stale in our walks with God
- Comfortable
- Set in our Routine
 - We have a religious schedule
 - BUT do we have a deep abiding relationship with Jesus
- Lack of Fire / Passion for the Lord
 - Oh the Fire is still there but it need a kindling

▪ **Let's Face it**

- We ALL face moments like this
 - We
 - Want to be Comfortable
 - Like the Easy Way
 - Don't want to be Stretched
 - Who doesn't like the easy way?!
 - After ALL
 - It hard to play with everything we have on every down
 - This is WHY
 - It is Good to Check Our Hearts

- **2nd It Is Good To Examine Our Hearts BEFORE The Lord**

▪ **This Message**

- **Is ALL about Examine Our Hearts BEFORE the Lord**

- **Too make sure**

- **We are NOT OLD Wineskins**

- **BUT NEW Wineskins**

▪ **Examine Our Hearts BEFORE the Lord**

- Please NOTE – Important the we do this BEFORE THE LORD

- Why?!

- 1st Is an important part of living as an authentic Christian life!

- Because BY NATURE

- We prefer self-deception.

- Deceiving ourselves is easy and comfortable.

- We want to believe that we are better, smarter, more Spiritual than we really are

- So careful, Spirit-directed God Examination is CRITICAL, BEFORE the Lord

- Will make sure we are on the right path

- 2nd If God is Examining – then we are in the right place

- But we are Examining then we can become to focused ON SELF

- An over-attention to one's self is also unhealthy.
 - We can become so inwardly focused that we take our eyes off of Jesus and make self-improvement our god.
 - A.W. Tozer; *"The man who has struggled to purify himself and has had nothing but repeated failures will experience real relief when he stops tinkering with his soul and looks away to the perfect One. While he looks at Christ, the very thing he has so long been trying to do will be getting done within him"*
 - We MUST focus on CHRIST – NOT SELF
- How We do this
 - *We should examine ourselves in light of the Truth in God's Word*
 - *His Word will convict and change us*
 - *We Also Must HUMBLY admit our inability to change ourselves and rely on the power of the Holy Spirit within to transform us into the image of Christ*
 - The Purpose - Time is short not a dress rehearsal – This is the REAL deal

Romans 13:11–14 (NKJV)

11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Psalm 90:12 (NKJV)

12 So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

- My Precious Brothers and Sisters life is short
 - Illustration
 - Line to Line
 - You don't want to get to the end of this life and realize
 - I lived it more for ME then Jesus
 - This is the reason Why lately I have been Exhorting you all
 - To make sure God is FIRST
 - To make sure you are in the
 - Bible / Prayer / Fellowship
 - At church
 - Learning about Jesus
 - Being Encouraged by the Word
 - Be a blessing others
 - Encouraging them to be strong in the fight
 - Look I understand we ALL have to work and we ALL have responsibilities
 - BUT we MUST have godly Priorities
 - God

- Family
- Church / Body
- Some where down the line work
- Remember
 - He who Honors Him - He will honor
- This is critical to growth
 - AND What kind of pastor would I be if I did not encourage growth in Christ
- **So Let's Allow God to Examine our Hearts and Walk with Him**
 - Not CONDEMNING
 - Satan Condemns
 - Other People Condemn
 - God seeks to LOVINGLY change us from the inside out
 - So Allow His HS to search you today
 - And May we all have ears to hear what the HS has to say and then go and do

Psalm 139:23–24 (NKJV)

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;
24 And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

2 Corinthians 13:5 (NKJV)

5 Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

1 Corinthians 11:28 (NKJV)

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

- May we ALL say – Here Am I

• Second: What Old Skin Look like (Revelation 2-3)

- **1st Context To Revelation 2-3**

- Turn to Revelation 2-3

- Illustration - Story of the Austrian Composer - Joseph Haydn

- Joseph Haydn - Was known as a Cheerful Man
 - Despite the fact that his was married was a huge mess
 - It was reported that his wife would take the only existing copies of his music from his Desk & Destroy it!!!
 - She did it several times purely out of spite and anger
 - Haydn spent much of his Career traveling around Europe
 - Because he so popular
 - But Also did not want to be around his wife a lot
 - During one of his extended visits to England
 - An acquaintance visited Haydn in his Hotel room

- He noticed a large stack of unopened letters
- So he asked the great composer - why he didn't open his mail?
- Haydn responded - "All these letters are from my wife we write each other every other week –
- BUT I do not open her letters & I am quite sure that she does not open mine"
- Well just Maybe that is the reason they had a POOR MARRIAGE
- Lack of Communication, Time & Affection caused this drift
- **Sadly - Many Christians don't want to read Jesus' Letters in Chapters 2-3**
 - We TOO have a stack of Letters from Jesus
 - That Have been largely ignored by the Church
 - Many Believers like to skip
 - Chapters 2 & 3 to get to the "More Juicy Parts."
 - To get to Action packed Blood, Thunder, Prophecy sections of Revelation
 - To do so is a Big Mistake
- **These 7 letters are Powerful letters Burning with Urgency**
 - Their Messages are as Timely & Vital today as when they were first Written
 - They reveal Our Lord's Heart for the Church

- The church today would not be in the mess it's in if the church would simply read Jesus letters
- *Walvoord; "Many of the evils and shortcomings which exist in the church today are a direct outgrowth of neglect of the solemn instruction given to these seven churches."*
- These Letters are extremely important and we would do well to LISTEN
- **Now Before we jump into the letters - lets note a few things**
 - The Messages have a 4-Fold Application
 - 1st PAST – (HISTORICALLY)
 - 7 Original Churches in 7 real cities in Asia
 - Given in Order of ancient Roman postal route
 - 2nd PRACTICALLY
 - They teach us a lot about Church life
 - Admonishment from Jesus –
 - To all churches in all time as tests by which they may discern their true spiritual state in the sight of God
 - Almost Every problem, difficulty & the Challenges facing the Church are addressed in these 7 letters
 - 3rd PERSONALLY
 - The Letters apply to us individually as Believers that is why each one ends with the same Exhortation

- "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."
- 4th PROPHETICALLY
 - 7 is # of COMPLETENESS
 - What we have is a picture of the Complete Church Age
 - Each church represents a certain stage in Church History
 - Starting with Ephesus and moving forward
 - Moving through the different periods of Church History to this present day
- NOTE: Each Letter has a Similar outline
 - 1st There is a Divine Revelation of Jesus
 - Each of these 7 messages begins with a personal description or title of Jesus Christ taken from the vision of Christ given in Rev. 1
 - Jesus makes His NATURE and ATTRIBUTES directly RELEVANT to the unique spiritual need or problem in each fellowship.
 - 2nd Positive AFFIRMATION
 - Told what they are doing good
 - The areas that blessed the Lord
 - 3rd Corrective EXHORTATION

- Told what is wrong & what they need to do to Change
 - Smyrna and Philadelphia are the only ones not to receive correction
 - They are the persecuted church and the church with little strength
- 4th Eternal MOTIVATION
 - How they respond is going to have some ETERNAL RAMIFICATIONS
- **2nd The Letters to the Churches in Revelation 2-3**
 - **1st Ephesus**
 - Positive

Revelation 2:2–3 (NKJV)

2 *"I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;*

3 *and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.*

Revelation 2:6 (NKJV)

6 *But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.*

- Standing Strong on Doctrine
- Standing strong against False teaching
- Very BUSY (Labored)
 - Lots of programs
- Negative

Revelation 2:4–5 (NKJV)

4 *Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.*

5 *Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.*

- BUT LEFT their First Love
- They are super Busy doing great things
 - They have all the bells and whistles – everything a church would want
 - Yet! – they left the reason for doing all those great ministries – their Love for Jesus
 - Not they Left – Not Lost
 - Note – There is a way back
- **Application**
 - **Old Wineskins**
 - We may be strong like the church of Ephesus
 - BUT have we left our FIRST LOVE
 - It is possible to
 - Stand against Evil
 - Stand against False teachers
 - Do a lot of ministries
 - But have forgotten why you are doing it!!!
 - **New Wineskins**

- Keep Passion for Jesus
 - Ministry is first to HIM
- **2nd Smyrna**
 - Suffering intense persecution

Revelation 2:9–10 (NKJV)

9 *"I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.*

10 *Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

- Nothing Negative to this church
- But we can understand
 - The cares and worries of life can beat us down
 - Leaving us emotionally, physically, and spiritually exhausted.
- **Application**
 - **Old Wineskins**
 - Can Happen when we are facing trial after trial
 - This can beat us down –
 - We begin to focus on ourselves and the struggles
 - We become INGROWN

- Missing the BIG Picture
- Instead of Looking to Jesus
- **New Wineskins**
 - Remember
 - JOY
 - Jesus Others You
- **3rd Pergamos**
 - Positive

Revelation 2:12–13 (NKJV)

- 12** *“And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, ‘These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:*
- 13** *‘I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.*

- Negative

Revelation 2:14–16 (NKJV)

- 14** *But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.*
- 15** *Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.*
- 16** *Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.*

- Compromise with the world
 - Incorporating worldly values into our belief systems
- False Teaching

- Sexual Immorality
- **Application**
 - Old Wineskins
 - Carnality
 - You are compromising with the World
 - You look as though you have one foot in and one foot out
 - BUT in reality, you're OUT and you think you're in!
 - New Wineskins
 - Seek God First – NOT Pleasure
- **4th Thyatira**
 - Positive

Revelation 2:18–19 (NKJV)

18 *“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, ‘These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:*

19 *‘I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.*

- Works, love, service, faith
- Negative

Revelation 2:20–23 (NKJV)

20 *Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.*

21 *And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.*

22 *Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.*

23 *I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.*

- False Doctrine Church
- The church of Thyatira had love, faith and good works.
- BUT BAD doctrine, idolatry,
- Sexual sin and pagan traditions.
- Application
 - Old Wineskin
 - You may have love, faith, good works
 - But you have allowed False Doctrine and Sexual Sins in your life
 - New Wineskins
 - Seek God First – NOT Pleasure
- **5th Sardis**
 - Positive

Revelation 3:1 (NKJV)

1 *“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, ‘These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.*

- Negative

Revelation 3:1–3 (NKJV)

- 1** *“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, ‘These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.*
- 2** *Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.*
- 3** *Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.*

- The Spiritually Dead Church
- Fallen asleep spiritually
 - (Except for a small remnant of believers)
- Application
 - Old Wineskin
 - Your dead Spiritually
 - New Wineskins
 - Alive Spiritually
- **6th Laodicea – The Church Of Today**

Revelation 3:14–20 (NKJV)

- 14** *“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:*
- 15** *“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.*
- 16** *So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.*
- 17** *Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—*
- 18** *I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.*

19 *As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.*
20 *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.*

- The Lukewarm Church
- The church of Laodicea only received rebuke.
- They were neither hot nor cold as we read in Revelation.
- Their reliance on riches and things of this world resulted in a lukewarm, halfway-in type of Christianity.
- Application
 - Old Wineskins
 - Lukewarm – Half Way
 - New Wineskins
 - On Fire no half way up the mountain people
- **3rd What A New Wineskin church looks like**
 - Philadelphia

Revelation 3:7–12 (NKJV)

7 *“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, ‘These things says He who is holy, He who is true, “He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens”:*
8 *“I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.*
9 *Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.*
10 *Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.*

11 *Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.*

12 *He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.*

- The Spiritually Alive Church
- Philadelphia did well! Does not count as OW
- There was no rebuke for this church of faith.
- They kept the name of Jesus and never denied it. There is a promise in the kingdom of heaven for these Christians
- I believe we are this church!

New Wineskins - Revival Acts 2

First: Characteristics Of New Skin and The First Revival (Acts 2)

1st Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-13)

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

8 *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Acts 2:1–4 (NKJV)

- 1** *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*
- 2** *And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.*
- 3** *Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.*
- 4** *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

▪ Context

- Explain Baptism of the HS
- 3 Workings of the HS
 - 1st PARA
 - Drawing us to Christ.
 - 2nd EN
 - Once we receive Christ into our lives the Holy Spirit comes IN us, EN in the Greek.

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NKJV)

13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

- 3rd EPI
 - Greek preposition that is used of the Holy Spirit, EPI in the Greek, and it speaks of empowering them for service!
 - Boldness / Power to Preach Jesus (Acts 2:5-13)
 - In John 20 they Received the HS – Salvation

John 20:22 (NKJV)

*22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.*

- In Acts 2 the Epi
- Power to be BOLD witnesses
- **Application**
 - New Wineskin

- Filled with HS
- Boldness / Power to do His work Ministry
- How WE need a Fresh Baptism of the HS today
- **2nd FOCUS on Jesus and His DBR (Acts 2:22-36)**

Acts 2:22–24 (NKJV)

22 *“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—*

23 *Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;*

24 *whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.*

Acts 2:32–36 (NKJV)

32 *This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.*

33 *Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.*

34 *“For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: ‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand,*

35 *Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.” ’*

36 *“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”*

▪ **In Acts 2 – The FOCUS of Peter’s message**

- Was not...
 - 3 great steps to be a better husband,
 - 2 fantastic steps to be a better father
 - How to have success in the business world
- Peter’s message was JESUS Christ

- Crucified, death, buried, and raised from the dead as Lord and Messiah.

- **Application**

- New Wineskin - Revival
 - Jesus becomes the top priority for Christians
 - Preaching Jesus – Not self-help – not entrainment
- **3rd Repentance (Acts 2:37-38)**

Acts 2:37–38 (NKJV)

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

- **Peter’s Message also contained the important step**

- REPENTANCE
- We REPENT

- **New Wineskin –**

- People experience conviction for their sins and repent and change their lifestyles.
- They not only walk away from patterns of sin
- But they turn their attention away from petty entertainments to spend more time in pursuit of God.

- **4th Hunger for the Word (Acts 2:42a)**

Acts 2:42 (NKJV)

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

- Early Church Strong in the Word
- New Wineskin - Revival
 - When revival comes, people want more of the Bible
 - More personal reading and study the Bible
 - Pastor Church would teach for 2 hours no one moved
- **5th Desire for Fellowship – Church Acts 2:42b**

Acts 2:42 (NKJV)

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

- Breaking Bread
 - Communion
- Fellowship
 - Being at Church
 - Being Part of the Body
 - Enjoying meals together
- **6th A Passion for Prayer (Acts 2:42c)**

Acts 2:42 (NKJV)

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

- Early Church was marked by their prayer life
- New Wineskin – Revival

- Creates in people a new desire to pray, worship, and meditate on God.
- Sometimes, even in sleep, the prayers continue as God clears away our distractions and speaks to us in dreams.
- This church is praying like NEVER before 😊

○ **7th A fear of God (Acts 2:43)**

Acts 2:43 (NKJV)

43 *Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.*

- Never lose the FEAR of God
 - The lose of FEAR in the believer's life and a church are the reason so many are a mess

○ **8th A Burden for the lost (Acts 2:40)**

Acts 2:40 (NKJV)

40 *And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."*

- Be Saved
- New Wineskin - Revival
 - Because of the conviction of sin that comes with revival
 - Realize that others are lost because they are more aware of their own sin and their lostness without Jesus.
 - We can no longer be content to let people live without being confronted with the love of Christ.

○ **9th Increase in salvations (Acts 2:41, 47)**

Acts 2:41 (NKJV)

41 *Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.*

Acts 2:47 (NKJV)

47 *praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

- The Lord added to His church
 - With the new burden for souls comes a marked increase in salvations
 - A Deep Care for the Body of Christ

• **Second: We Need a Revival Today**

○ **1st In The Church**

- Ask yourself HOW are you doing With Jesus?!
- If need a revival – Repent Turn to YOUR LOVING JESUS

1 John 1:9 (NKJV)

9 *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

○ **2nd In the World**

- If this world does not have a revival soon
- We are in for a heap load of trouble
- Let's be in PRAYER
- Let's Be witnessing to our friend

○ **3rd What Can we Learn from Past Revivals**

- We have had four Great Awakenings in America.
 - 1st From about 1740 to 1742

- Was led by men such as Jonathan Edwards (Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God) and George Whitfield.
- Around fifty thousand people were added to the churches of New England during the First Great Awakening
- Which was significant for a population of about 300,000 at that time.
- 2nd From the 1790s to around 1840
 - Was led by many, including Charles Finney.
 - This was during the days of the Wild West, when camp meetings were held in tents with sawdust floors, and itinerant preachers shared the gospel.
 - Thousands and thousands of Americans came to faith during this time.
- 3rd From 1857 to 1859
 - A forty-eight-year-old businessman named Jeremiah Lanphier began a prayer meeting in New York City.
 - Though small, it exploded after the stock market crashed, and within six months, ten thousand New Yorkers were gathering daily for prayer.
 - Around one million people came to believe in Jesus during the Third Great Awakening.
- 4th 1960-1970
 - The Jesus Movement.
- Could it ever happen again?

Closing

- Let us Examine our hearts BEFORE God