

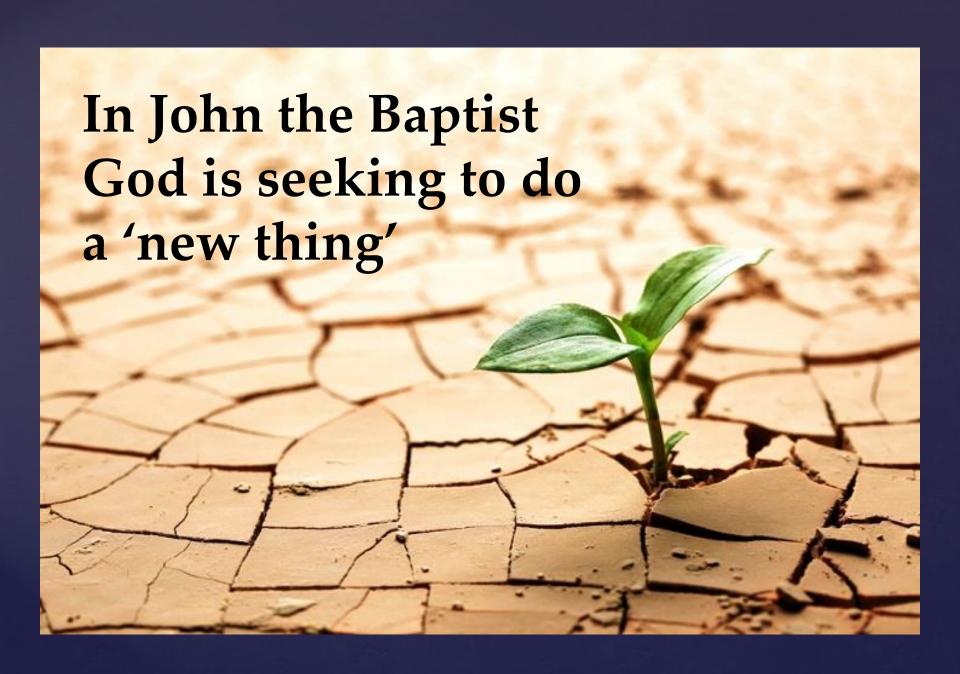
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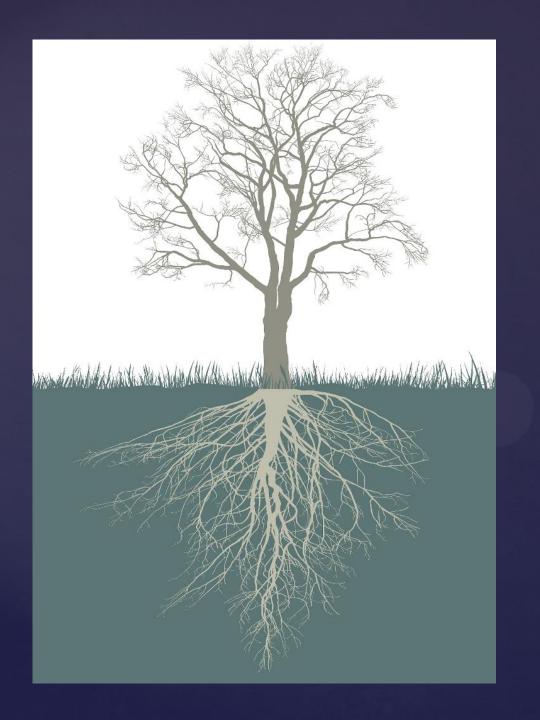


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Don't just run after the 'new thing'... embrace the 'deeper thing'

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God's desire is that the first place the "King would reign" is WITHIN us.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1:47

He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born

Luke 1:14-15

"He must become greater; I must become less."

John 3:30

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God affirms the 'identity' of Jesus



