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"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

Isaiah 43:18,19

I. Receive but don't dwell on the past (Isa. 43:16 – 18)

- A. The Exodus (vs. 16 17)
- B. Don't <u>dwell</u> in the past (vs. 18)
 - 1. Past victories in the box
 - 2. Past failures limited direction
 - 3. Our <u>focus</u> determines our <u>direction</u>

II. Perceive the new things in the present (Isa. 43:19a, b)

- A. God does <u>NEW</u> things!
- B. The Israelites in <u>Babylon</u> needed a new thing!
- C. The New thing is a present reality

III. Proceed in the new path into the future (Isa. 43:19c, d)

- A. God speaks in <u>first</u> person
- B. A miraculous path
 - 1. Way in the desert
 - 2. Streams in the wasteland
- C. God's promise was fulfilled