Daily Devotion For March 31, 2023

**18**“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. **19**See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it, I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” Isaiah 43:18-19

Have you ever been stuck? Today I saw a big rig moving van that got stuck going over a hill. The front tires had gone over a hill and got stuck carrying what must have been a full load of furniture.

We spend a lot of our lives stuck ... at least, we feel as if we're stuck.

We drive to work and get stuck in traffic. We finally arrive, only to remember that we're stuck in a frustrating job. We bump into someone and get stuck in conversation. Maybe the church we've joined is stuck in controversy.

Maybe we're stuck with an underperforming mutual fund. Or stuck with a body that just can't stay healthy. Or stuck with family members who aren't pleasant to be around. Feeling stuck can be disconcerting, irritating, or depressing. But being stuck can remind us that God is in control.

If we were in control of our lives we could do whatever we please. So feeling stuck reminds us that we don’t have ultimate control. Getting stuck can be a reality check because we need to lean and depend on God to get us out of sticky situations.

**Thought For Today:** Isaiah 43:18-19 reminds us not to get bogged down and stuck by the past but to recognize that God desires to do a new thing in our lives. What sticky situation do you find yourself in today? Acknowledge that you are not in control and ask God to get you unstuck and moving today.

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** I visited Nancy Nakajima yesterday. Besides not liking the food at Westland house, she has been diagnosed with a heart value issue. Please pray for wisdom for her doctors. Also prayers for others in our church family in need of God’s strengthening and healing touch. Deo Volente.