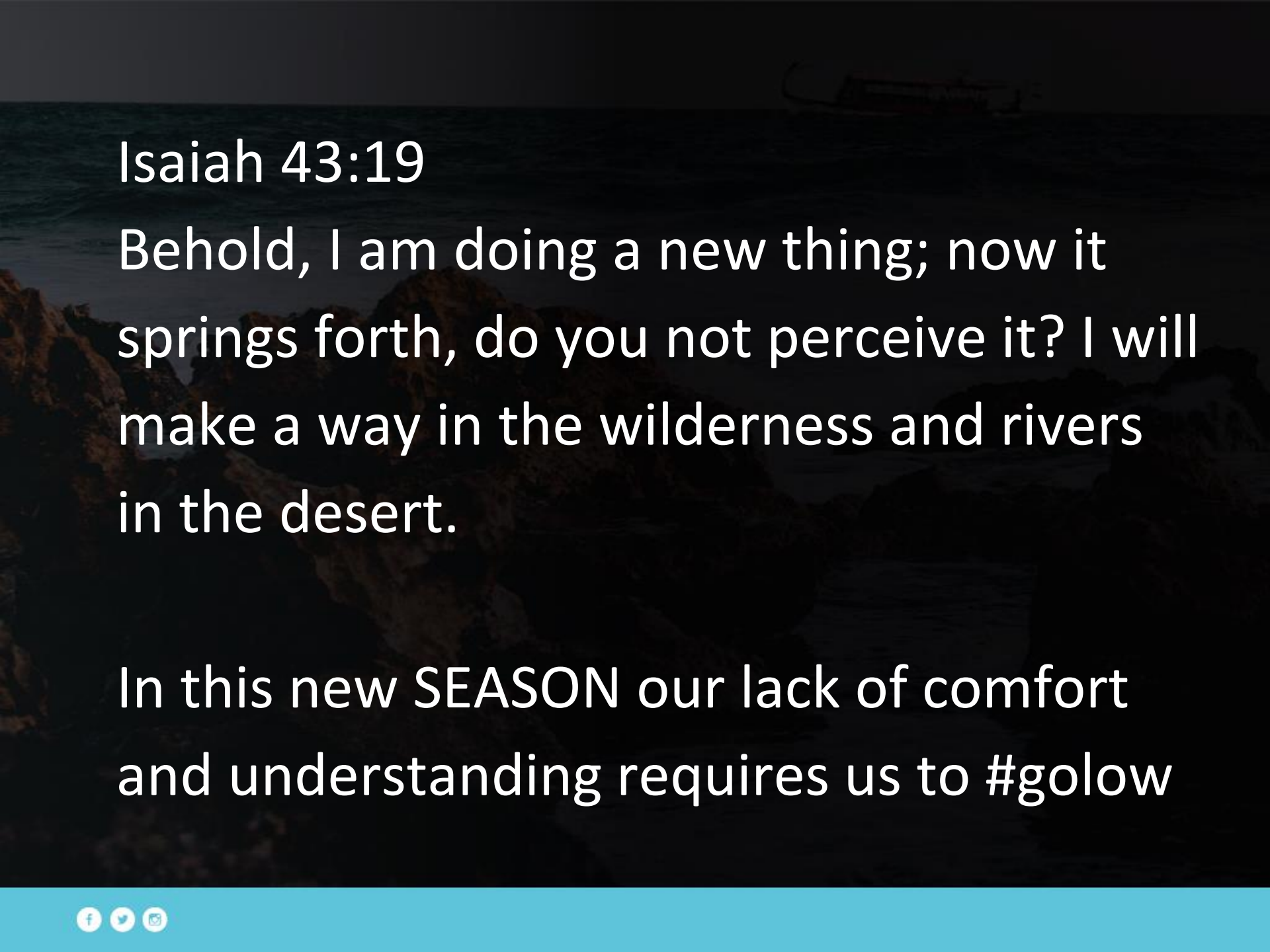




Shofar Christian Church

WITH God

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Isaiah 43:19

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

In this new SEASON our lack of comfort and understanding requires us to #golow

Matt 1:23 the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." - Isaiah 7:14

Isaiah 43:2,3 ... I will be *with you*... For I am the Lord your God, ..., your Savior

Rom 8:11 ... he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

The Glory of independence - freedom
from

The Humiliation of dependence - bondage
or poverty exposed

Memorials linked to these events - drivers
licence, made fun of in public

WITH (Why Is This Happening) moments

Moses

Who was Moses. What was his calling.

Acts 7:35 This Moses, whom they had rejected with the words, 'Who made you ruler and judge?' is the one God sent to be their ruler and redeemer, through the angel who appeared to him in the bush.

The temptation

Moses making a rash decision - driven by fear

Ex 2:11-14 One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?" The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known."

The accusation

Moses delaying obedience - driven by fear

Not living according to God's precepts in the desert

Ex 3:10-11,4:13

10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

13 But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.”

Ex 4:1-3,17 Moses answered, “What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you’?” Then the Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?” “A staff,” he replied. The Lord said, “Throw it on the ground.” Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it.
17 But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it.”

The sign

God gives him a sign of his presence & power
Staff is a physical sign of a spiritual truth

Ex 4:29-31 Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites, 30 and Aaron told them everything the Lord had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people, 31 and they believed

Ex 5:22 Moses returned to the Lord and said, “Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me?

Moses obeyed God by doing exactly what God said he must say and do and God got the glory

Jesus

Who was Jesus. What was his calling.

Acts 7:35 ... the one God sent to be their ruler and redeemer

The Son of God had to wait 30 years

Luke 2:49 ... did you not know, that i must be about my father's business (house)

The son of God waited till he was empowered by the (sign of the) Holy Spirit coming upon him

Luke 4:1,2 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

How did Jesus respond to **temptations**?

Matt 4 - "It is written..."

How did Jesus respond to **accusations**?

John 5:19 Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does

Jesus relied on the law of God to defeat temptation
Jesus diverted the glory to God for the works that he
did when his accusers came

Jesus's lifestyle - clothed with power, knew the heart
of the Law & prophets and prayed often - WITH God

Matt 7:12 In everything, then, do to others as you
would have them do to you. For this is the essence of
the Law and the prophets.

Luke 5:16 But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places
and prayed.

Church

How have we responded to
Temptation, Accusation, Tests

Rash, Delay, apart from God, with God

Have you been clothed (empowered)

Luke 24:49 I'm sending you what my Father promised.

Wait here in the city until you receive power from
heaven

We imitate Jesus, the one who fulfilled the law and prophets and imitated the Father

Jesus's lifestyle - clothed with power, knew the heart of the Law & prophets and prayed often - with God

1 Cor 10:24 Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.

1 Cor 11:1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

Are you "PRESENT" in scripture and prayer?



PRAYER TIME