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# Wine and Wineskins

Luke 5:36 - 39

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- Wine - The Holy Spirit, the move of the Spirit, the power and presence of God that impacts people in real ways.
- Wineskins - Structures, traditions and comfort zones

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Luke 5:27 - 39

27 After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." 28 So he left all, rose up, and followed Him.

29 Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. 30 And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

31 Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

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Luke 5:33

Then they said to Him, “Why do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?”

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34 And He said to them, "Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? 35 But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days."

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‘The task of every generation is to discover which direction the sovereign redeemer is moving and then move in that direction.’  
Jonathan Edwards.

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Acts 2:13

“Others mocking said, ‘They are full of new wine.’ “

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‘Those who were in the center of what was happening yesterday usually want things to stay that way. At first, they had to move out of their comfort zone to be a part of what God was doing, but now they are used to where they are, and they want to stay there, even when God has moved on. This is what was happening in Jesus’ day, and he used these parables to describe it.’

R.T. Kendall

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Jer 6:16

This is what the LORD says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”

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Phil 1:15 - 18

15 Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill: 16 The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; 17 but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel. 18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

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John 3:6 - 8

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

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5. Do the basics well.

New wine requires new wineskins: The Holy Spirit is the new wine, we are the wineskins and we must adapt to accommodate Him.

New wine calls for new structures: Instead of doing it the same old way after years and years, we must be open to new patterns of worship, praise and prayer, for we must always have an expectation of God's desire to do something new.

Moving with God means a continual moving out of our comfort zones: As we need new wineskins to receive God's ever-refreshing wine, so we will be made continually uncomfortable in the bringing together of the Word and the Spirit.

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