

Sermon Follow-up — June 28, 2020 — Luke 5:33–39 – “New Wineskins”

Other passages mentioned: Jeremiah 2:28; Habakkuk 1:5; Luke 4; Romans 12:1; James 2:19–20

Pastoral Note: Our first Sunday of regathering outside, inside, and online was really encouraging. If you are planning to physically attend Sunday worship, it would be truly appreciated if you would let us know beforehand which service you will attend by responding here: <https://public.serviceu.com/RegistrationForm/10892147-447875789?OrgKey=6accc7db-e23d-4f22-ab40-d247eadbb075&SGUID=5115F102-B1BF-47D2-ABB1-37162B6ECC2B&RN=1579761467>. If you're coming to the outside service, remember to bring chairs or something to sit on.

Sermon Recap:

Jesus' public ministry began with excitement and affirmation. However, Jesus exploded expectations of the religious establishment with His teaching about Gentiles being accepted into God's Kingdom, His claims to be able to forgive sins, His acceptance of tax-collectors, even calling Matthew Levi as one His 12 disciples. Jesus explained that God was doing a new thing through Jesus and compared His teaching and ministry to “new wine” that would burst old wineskins. The only way to capture and preserve the new wine of Jesus gospel would be to find new wineskins to put it in. In a personal testimony, the pastor mentioned that he was seeing the need for new wineskins to hold the new thing God is doing in this moment. He mentioned prayer, listening, trust, and surrender as specific “new wineskins” he felt he needed. What new wineskins do you need to receive what God is doing in a fresh understanding of the gospel?

Application Questions:

1. Is Jesus doing something in your life that feels like an explosion?
2. What "new wine" in your understanding of the gospel is Jesus pouring out?
3. The sermon mentioned several "new wineskins"—prayer, listening, trust, and surrender. Do you have new wine skins ready to receive the new wine Jesus is pouring?
4. Can you think of one or two specific new wineskins that you will need?
5. Jeremiah 2:28 asks God's people, "But where are your gods that you made for yourself? Let them arise, if they can save you, in your time of trouble; for as many as your cities are your gods, O Judah." In recent months of the pandemic, have you identified any of your go-to coping mechanisms that are not Christ-centered? Might the LORD call them gods that you have made for yourself? How are they working for you? ... Do they help you grow or simply distract you?
6. James 1:19–20 says, "Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God."
 - a. Being quick to listen and slow to speak and anger separated our reacting from our hearing. Which are you quickest to do: listen, speak, or get angry? (Personal testimony: Simply memorizing these verses has been a great help to me, Dale, personally).
7. Is there a practical step of surrender you sense God asking you to take? If yes, share that with someone you know will support and encourage you in the process.