

Will You Trust the Lord to Restore to Better Than Before?

It's been a somewhat quieter season for me personally, as I haven't written a major article in probably four months – the longest stretch I can remember. There are a number of reasons for this and unexpected things that have occurred, but it also has to be that I get specific direction to release an article – I can't just write an article any old time just because I have some revelation or content. It's like sometimes I have to become the Word – if I walk it out first before writing it, I can bring the Word with more authority. At least, that's what I hope will be the case here.

Something “New New New New New!”

Several weeks ago, I heard the Lord say, “It's a day of new beginnings.” This got my attention because just that day, I'd taken delivery of a new truck. Upon hearing this, I began to realize there were indeed a number of things that were new in my life at that point, but apparently we were just getting started. Shortly after this my laptop died, our AC died (it turns out our whole HVAC system needs to be replaced), our hot water heater died, followed next by our refrigerator. During this time period, we even experienced an unexpected death in the family and another devastating loss that's too personal in nature to disclose. (In addition, shortly after this article was originally released, my husband was involved in a vehicle accident.) At one point, my husband said he was starting to feel like Job!

Of course, the enemy (Satan) at times seems to attack with a vengeance (Luke 4:13) but I began to recognize God's hand somewhere in this. I hadn't wanted a new truck originally and

actually resisted it at first, but there were a number of things that happened – including a dream in which my truck was totaled, although I was okay – that confirmed to us this was the Lord's direction.

And guess what? I actually love my new truck! With the current lack of inventory and shortage of microchips, it proved to be a challenge to find but after broadening my search, the perfect truck “popped up” on someone's incoming shipment inventory that had all the things I wanted. And I hadn't realized how much technology had advanced in the seven years since my last new truck and it's really made my life easier.

The same with the laptop. My old one was ten years old and wasn't able to be repaired, and I hadn't realized how slow and hard to work with it had become until I got the new one. And quite unexpectedly in the process, I also ended up getting a larger desktop monitor and an upgraded office space – which I really needed but would not have done otherwise. This is a pattern I'm noticing, which I'll come back to in a minute.

About a year ago, I kept hearing the Lord say, “I'm planning to do a NEW thing; the old ways won't work anymore!” Little did I realize that the old ways literally were not going to work anymore! Every time I turn around there's something else new, even if it's not of my own choosing.

If you recognize yourself in this pattern, I encourage you to trust Him. As I heard the Lord say recently, He is doing something “New new new new new!” (Read more...)

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