

# Fresh Start: Awake!

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Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but Yours are not?" Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast."

Mark 2:18-20 NIV

No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.

Mark 2:21-22 NIV

New creation ☒ If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

New song ☒ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Psalms 40:3 NCV

New motivation ☒ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

Colossians 3:23 NIV

New attitude ☒ You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds.

Ephesians 4:22-23 NIV

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1. How would you describe your spiritual life? Drowsy? Alert? Bored? Routine?
- 2. Is there a gap between your expectations and your experience?