**Uprooted**

I could never understand my father's frustration over the beautiful yellow flowers sprinkled across the lawn. It seemed that those flowers would pop up overnight! I would pluck them immediately to make my five-year-old version of "bouquet-of-the-day." Then Dad would just as quickly come behind me to remove the roots.

Being uprooted in our lives can be like that dandelion, pulled and torn away from the soil. It may look like a move to a new apartment, a change of job, or even a breakup. In any form that it presents itself, it's an unavoidable part of life and usually always involves a painful process.

When those times of uprooting happen, could it be possible that the Lord is doing a new thing? If that is the case, as hard as it may be, remember Isaiah 43:18-19,

*Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*

The process of uprooting has happened many times in my own life. I can only expect the Lord to continue uprooting and refining my life until I'm done on earth.

When my own life felt like a wilderness, I can vividly remember the movement of the Lord because it seemed that everything else had been stripped away. From this perceptive, many years later, I see now what the Lord was accomplishing in my life, but at the moment, it was so hard to understand the process.

When the Lord does a new thing in our lives, you can guarantee that there is a great purpose behind it all. The Lord will make a way and give us the refreshment we need as we allow the refinement process. I want to challenge you today not to run from the process but to allow the Lord access to uproot the things that may be holding you down. If we have not met, I want you to know that my name is Holly, and I walked into this church 22 years ago with a 5yo daughter and a two-month-old son in tow. This church embraced me, but more importantly, the gospel and what God did in my life changed this ordinary girl forever! And I know He will do the same for you! He will! Enjoy the SPF ministry and the newsletter, and get excited about what God has in store for you and your children!

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