

## **Revive Us Again!**

### **Part 7 – Renewing Wineskins**

#### **Scripture – Luke 5:33-39 (NLT)**

**33** *The religious leaders complained that Jesus' disciples were feasting instead of fasting. "John the Baptist's disciples always fast and pray," they declared, "and so do the disciples of the Pharisees. Why are yours always feasting?"* **34** *Jesus asked, "Do wedding guests fast while celebrating with the groom?"* **35** *Someday he will be taken away from them, and then they will fast."* **36** *Then Jesus gave them this illustration: "No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and uses it to patch an old garment. For then the new garment would be torn, and the patch wouldn't even match the old garment."* **37** *And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. The new wine would burst the old skins, spilling the wine and ruining the skins."* **38** *New wine must be put into new wineskins."* **39** *But no one who drinks the old wine seems to want the fresh and the new. 'The old is better,' they say."*

#### **A. The Background Truths**

1. Jesus dealt with complaints and queries raised by religious leaders, by sharing illustrations which were commonly understood.
2. What about wine & wineskins?
  - a. "Old" – antiquated; worn out; outdated  
"New" – youthful; fresh; regenerated
    - Renewed or reconditioned
  - b. The problem of old wineskins
    - What does new wine/wineskins represent? Mark 7:13 (TNIV)  
***13** Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that."*

#### **B. The Renewing Process**

1. Plough up – Hosea 10:12 (NLT)

*12 I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.'*

a. Hardening caused by:

- Deceitfulness of sin – Heb 3:13, 15 (NLT)

*13 You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. 15 Remember what it says: "Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled."*

- Distractions – Luke 17:28-32 (NLT)

*28 "And the world will be as it was in the days of Lot. People went about their daily business—eating and drinking, buying and selling, farming and building—29 until the morning Lot left Sodom. Then fire and burning sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Yes, it will be 'business as usual' right up to the day when the Son of Man is revealed. 31 On that day a person out on the deck of a roof must not go down into the house to pack. A person out in the field must not return home. 32 Remember what happened to Lot's wife!*

2. Soak in water – Eph 5:25-27 (TNIV)

*25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing [a] her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.*

3. Rub with oil

- Ecc 9:8 (TNIV)

*8 Always be clothed in white, and always anoint your head with oil.*

- Psa 23:5 (NLT)

*<sup>5</sup> You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.  
You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup  
overflows with blessings.*