

Connect Group Notes

8 June 2026

On Sunday Don began a new series entitled '*New time, New place*'.

Our church stands on the threshold of a new place and season, and Don's message from Joshua 1 invites us to consider how God leads his people forward.

God reminded Joshua that "Moses my servant is dead" (v2). We are also reminded that both the success and struggles of our past don't define or limit God's ongoing plan for us both individually and corporately.

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1. God's promises can be shadowed by our pasts;
 - Where might we have felt overshadowed by someone else?
 - How has this shaped our confidence or calling?
 2. Don talked about Abraham's wife Sarah. She represented three parts of his past that needed to be laid down. To Abraham she was;
 - ~**the love of his life** (passions or pursuits that have taken our attention in ways that hold us back)
 - ~**the memory of his past failures** (our moments of fear, shame or regret that still shape how we see ourselves)
 - ~**the channel of past blessing** (the ways God worked before, keeping us from seeing the new thing he is doing)

Of these three things, which one is God inviting us to lay down for the new season to come?

3. God is doing a new thing;

- Where do you sense God inviting you – and our community – into something new?
- What emotions does this stir?

Application and Pray

Share with someone in your group a step of faith you sense God inviting you to take, or something He is asking you to let go of.

Pray for each other and Gateway regarding this.