

## TIDES TURNIN'

There have been so many words lately about new seasons and new mantels and that things are turning around and I'm pretty sure it has a lot to do with the fact that we are starting a new year and that's okay, it's good that we are hopeful! We want to start a fresh plate of new things and begin to walk in different places with the Lord. The vision that I just had was of the ocean and the waves splashing up on the shore.

I think about so many things that can parallel where I am with the Lord and encourage me and hopefully you to continue to remain with your ear pressed to the Lords chest in order to hear what is His plan and desire for each of us!

When the waves come in and out there are exchanges that happen. The birds live for the waves to wash into the shore, because when they come in, their abrasions loosen the sands so that they can get to the deeper food, minerals, and nutrition that they need and like so much. So the top layer perishes or is washed away and is left with an exposing to the better part...

**"Seeing the Invisible" – 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 – Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, <sup>18</sup> while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.**

Another example of exchange would be when the waves come up, each time it leaves a mark to the point where it came to before it drifted back out to the ocean. This does several things:

- It allows us to know where to walk so we don't get wet
- It moves to a fresh place to stir up fresh things with each new wave
- It pushes things that have been floating around lost to shore/solid ground
- It shows that there are boundaries
- It shows a give and take – a need for each other

2 Corinthians 8:13–15 – For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened; <sup>14</sup> but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack—that there may be equality. <sup>15</sup> As it is written, “He who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack.”

Tides are turnin’ – things are coming and going and the Lords hand in your life is showing you and I more and more the things that need to remain and the things that need to go in our lives. The boundaries that we need to keep steady and the give and take, the sharing that we need to be a part of for Christ’s sake.

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