



WEDNESDAYS In the Word WITH
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Rather Than

Those were the days... Job 29;7

Job longs for the old days. Job 29:2-6

When we are facing hard times, it's easy to get stuck in and long for the days of old. This is where we find our suffering friend.

Idolizing and idealizing our past can cause us to miss the spiritual work God is doing in our present.

Even in the hard times, perhaps especially in the hard times God is at work.

Rather than

- being combative, we need to be cooperative.
- focusing on what was, look forward to what can be.
- reciting to God what is wrong, praise Him for what is right.
- blaming God for our trouble, take responsibility for our part it.

Rather than saying those were the days, say these are the days...the days that God is doing something new in me, through me, around me, and for me.

“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. Isaiah 43:18-20

We can't get stuck on what is was; we have to welcome what is, and what will be.

The God who blessed us in the past, is present with us in the now, and will lead us in our great future. Our past, including present suffering, is a precursor to the amazing new things God in store for us.