

Here's the words.....

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 19 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

Here is an image of a child leaping into a puddle ... this water has amazingly, divinely sprung up and become available in a dry dusty wilderness scrub land. Already this pool of water is influencing the environment around it, creating something new and fresh, something growing and green, something positive and potentially life giving.

The teddy that was being played with has been dropped for now and forgotten, as the new thing, refreshing, life giving and fun becomes apparent. Maybe the water has been there for a little while, but the child, lost in her focus on her toy didn't notice it or perhaps she was waiting for permission to splash in the puddle, to embrace this new thing in her environment. Either way, the toy which previously brought her joy, comfort, companionship has been forgotten for now.

The comforter has been usurped by a confidence that this new thing has initiated, to give themselves completely, to commit to something new, to experience and begin to understand that their world is bigger than they realised.

As the water splashes, it creates other tiny oasis for seeds that have been laying dormant in the dry dusty ness to awaken, burst open, send down roots and thrown up leaves.

The rainbow in this image is not as a result of rain, but is there to remind us of all Gods covenant promises, he will not destroy his people, he has a hope and a future for us and he will make a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

Who is the child?
Is it Your child?
Is it you?

What is your wasteland?

What is your comforter and is it holding you in a comfort zone?
Are you so comfortable that you don't notice the wilderness?
Are you so comfortable that you don't notice the new thing?
Do you feel like the forgotten thing in your Ministry to parents carers and their children?

How does the joy of a child jumping in a puddle influence your response to the new thing God has in store for you?

It's already available, we simply have to perceive it