

BE THE
NEW WINESKIN

LUKE 5:33-39



They said to him, “**John’s disciples** often fast and pray, and so do the **disciples of the Pharisees**, but **yours** go on eating and drinking.”

v33

Disciples of
John the Baptist
The Pharisees

vs

Disciples of
Jesus’

PHARISEES' PRACTICE OF FASTING

Fasting was regarded as a virtue, a devotion unto God

- Jewish Tradition
- Twice a week,
8 times a month,
96 times a year



INSTITUTED FOR JEWS
UNDER MOSAIC LAW

Once a year on the Day of Atonement

LEVITICUS 16:29, 31



Jesus answered, “Can you make the friends of the **bridegroom** fast while he is with them? But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast.” v34-35



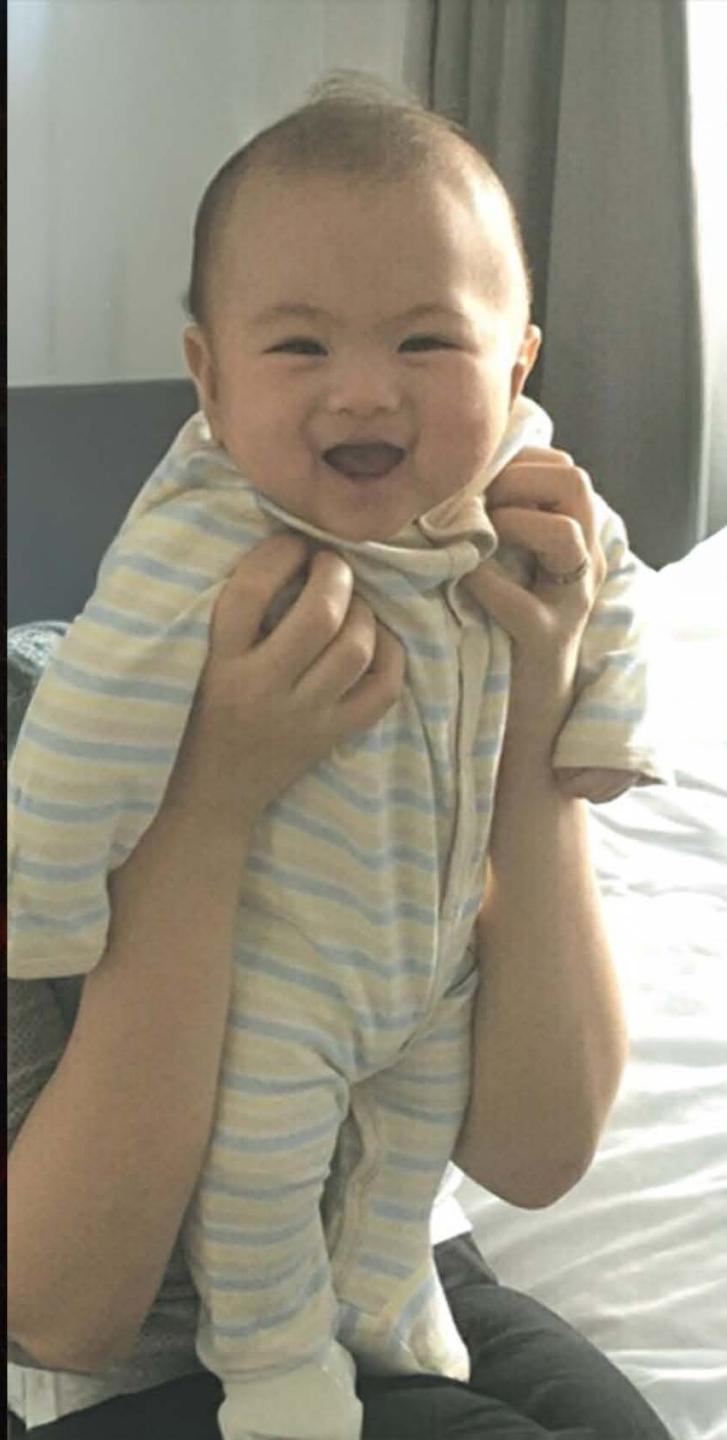
BRIDEGROOM

- Wedding
- Symbol of God's relationship with His people

JEREMIAH 2:2

- Groom is here ; Time to celebrate





5 days apart
Same garment
shrunk



He told them this parable: “No one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old.

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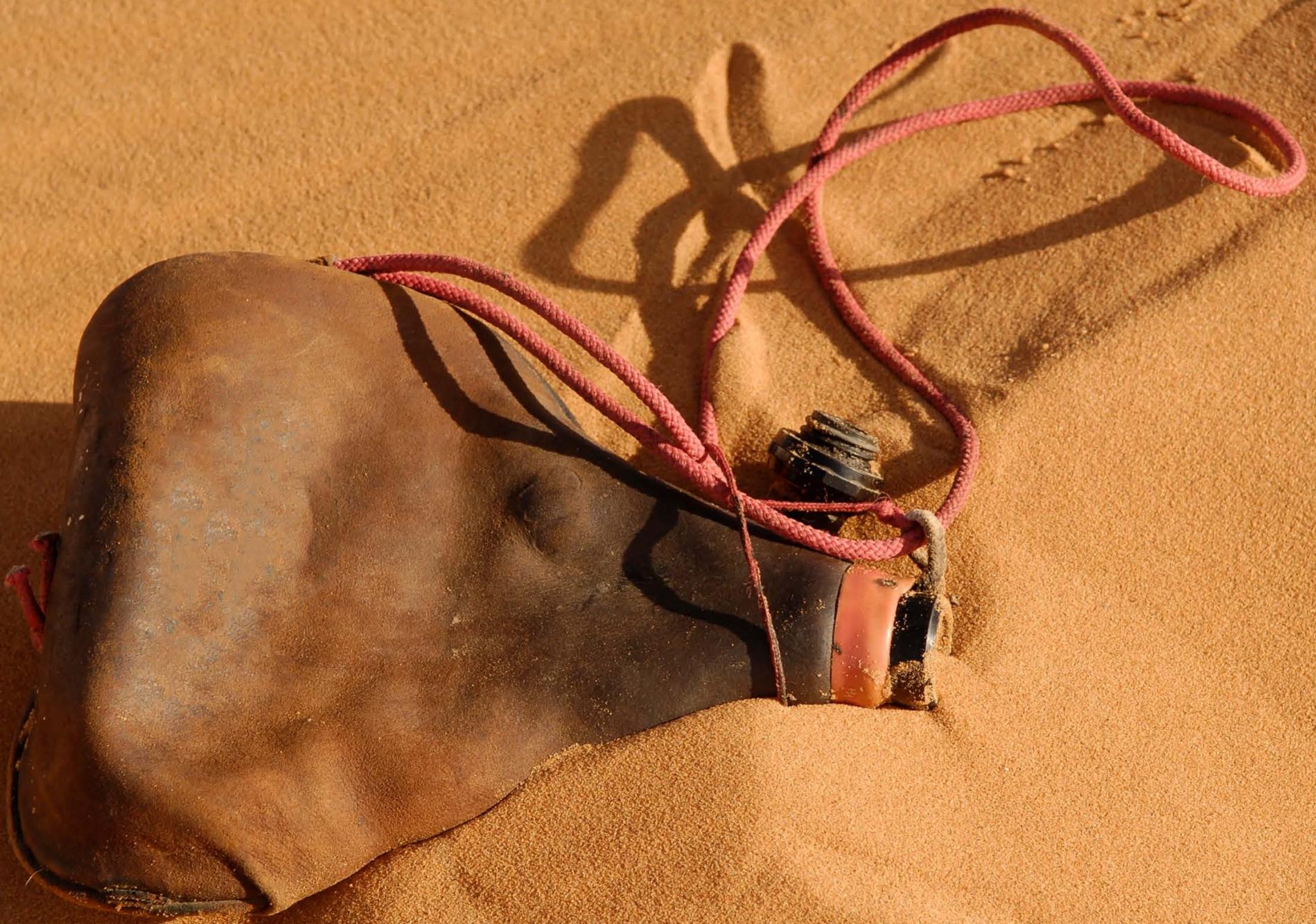
And no one pours **new wine** into **old wineskins**. Otherwise, **the new wine will burst the skins**; the wine will run out and the **wineskins will be ruined**. No, new wine **must** be poured into new wineskins.

v37-38

- Self-answering for hearers.
Common sense that **no one** does this
- End result : Lose the wine, ruin the wineskin
- This is Jesus' answer







And **no one** after drinking old wine wants the new,
for they say, 'The old is better.'

v39

People are comfortable with familiarity
and resistant to change



RELATIONSHIP
BEFORE
RITUAL



God's presence renews our Heart

- Desire replaces duty
- Joy replaces obligation
- Love replaces fear



POWER OF CHOICE



- Am I choosing comfort over continued renewal in my walk with God?
- Have I settled into patterns that feel safe but no longer lead to growth?
- Is there something new God is inviting me into that I'm resisting simply because "the old feels better"?



SPIRITUAL GROWTH
REQUIRES
STRETCHING



Old wineskins

- Patterns of behavior and mindsets
- Coping mechanisms
- Priorities



- What areas of my life am I trying to add Jesus without allowing Him to change how I live?
- Are there old systems—ways of thinking, coping, or living—that no longer fit the new life Christ has given me?
- Is God stretching me in obedience, forgiveness, trust, or spiritual discipline?
- Am I resisting the stretch because it feels uncomfortable, or am I trusting that God knows what I can grow into?



REST AND
NOT RESIST





EZEKIEL 36:26-27
PHILIPPIANS 2:13
ACTS 1:8