

Hi everyone,

Well, that was fun! To help us understand the reading from Mark chapter 2 this morning, we did a little experiment. Who would have thought that the coming together of Mentos and Diet Coke makes for so much excitement...



God is up to something new and, like the Coke, it cannot be contained in the old container. You can read the passage for today here:

[Mark 2:18-3:6](#)

As you will notice, convictions can keep us from recognizing the good and new that God is up to. But as N.T. Wright remarks, "When God is doing new things, we should join the party, not grumble because the new wine is threatening to burst our poor old bottles" (N.T. Wright, *Mark for Everyone*, 35).

God is working towards the day when everything will be the way it is supposed to be. An ancient Jewish poem articulates it like this:

In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together;
the leopard will lie down with the baby goat.
The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion,
and a little child will lead them all.
The cow will graze near the bear.
The cub and the calf will lie down together.
The lion will eat hay like a cow.
The baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra.
Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes
without harm. (Isaiah 11:6-8)

And we are invited/called to participate and partner with God.

- What do you see God doing?
- How can you join?
- Where do you see signs (or a lack thereof) of the new creation?

Below is a reflection from Henri Nouwen; some food for thought for the coming week:

Something very deep and mysterious, very holy and sacred, is taking place in our lives right where we are, and the more attentive we become the more we will begin to see and hear it. The more our spiritual sensitivities come to the surface of our daily lives, the more we will discover—uncover—a new presence in our lives.

Have a good week!
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