

## **June 8, 2008 "Old v. New" - Rev. Sandi Rice**

- The terms "old" and "new" have, in themselves, contradictory meanings.
- God wants to transform to the way things should be – the old to the new.
- This is seen time and time again in the Bible.
  - Ezekiel 11:19
  - Isaiah 65
  - 2 Corinthians 5:17
- When we think of "old", we tend to think of the familiar, the comfortable, etc., much like an old worn pair of jeans past their prime.
- We can become complacent where we are, when what we may need is a change.
- God told Abraham (who was 75 years' old at the time) to leave his home and family to go somewhere new – just trust.
- God's work in transforming us to the new produces wonderful things.
- God's works are new EVERY DAY.
- We can be renewed every day – the "old" may still exist in our lives, but God is working to transform us to even better things.
- The "old" can hold us back.
- Seek to find effective balance between the new and old – they can co-exist.
- Sometimes "old" and "new" are merely labels.
- TRUST GOD.