

Your New Beginning

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Summary

The scripture that we've been focusing on this year is Isaiah 43:19. It speaks about new beginnings. So what is your new beginning? What holds us back from experiencing our new beginnings? Fear is the number one thing. We have the fear of failure, of not doing it perfectly and the effort that it will require. The second thing that holds us back is comfort. Our life gets comfortable; things get easy. Do we want to take that step for our new beginning? It takes effort. Someone said, "*Sacrifice is to let go of something of value to reach for something of greater value.*" We need to take that first step in the direction that God is leading us in, even if we don't see the whole picture. Martin Luther King said, "*Faith is taking the first step even though you can't see the whole staircase.*" So what do we need to do? Like the woman with the issue of blood in Luke 8:40-56, we need to focus solely on Jesus. She knew that all she had to do was touch the hem of His garment and her new beginning would start! We need to trust God and His Word. If He said it, He will do it. In the same chapter, it tells us the story of the death of Jairus's daughter. Jesus says, "*do not fear.*" We need to choose not to focus on the fear. We need to surround ourselves with brothers and sisters in Christ who will support and encourage us in our new beginning. This is what the church is for! It's our family and support system. Matthew 28 speaks about "The Great Commission". Jesus tells us to GO and make disciples of all nations! You might be working on your new beginning, that word from God or some area of your life that needs change, but know that when you walk out into the world you might be somebody's new beginning! We have to understand the power that's within is! Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "*The creation of a thousand forests is within one acorn.*" Think about the size of an acorn; wow look at the size of you! If you are the seed of God, now think about what you can do! So while you're working on your new beginning, help someone else get their new beginning started!

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- A. 2014 A Year of New Beginnings & Great Possession
 - a. Isaiah 43:19
 - i. Now it shall spring forth!
 - ii. Not maybe, might, etc. It shall!
 - iii. I will make a road where your eyes don't see one.
 - iv. I will make a river in a dry place – speaking of life, newness.
 - b. What is your new beginning? What does it look like to you? Are you persuading God with everyone you've got? Are you looking for that first encounter with Christ? Are you asking what now? Are you asking how do I get rid of all the baggage from the past?
 - B. Following the Instructions That God Has Given Us
 - a. Paul had clear instruction in Acts 9:3-4
 - i. Go, do this. It's easy and makes sense.
 - b. But often it looks like it did for Abram in Genesis 12 - To a land I will show you.

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- i. We would prefer He showed us first and then we will go!
- C. What Holds Us Back?
- a. The number one thing is fear.
 - i. Fear of failure, not doing it perfectly, of how much effort it will require and is it the perfect time?
 - ii. Ecc. 11:4 – The fear of things not looking quite right. “I’ll just wait one more day” or “Was that really God?” We miss an opportunity.
 - b. The second thing is comfort.
 - i. Our life gets comfortable; things get easy. Do we want to take that step for our new beginning? It takes effort.
 - ii. Sacrifice: To let go of something of value to reach for something of greater value.
 - c. It takes that first step.
 - i. Genesis 12:4 – So Abram departed. Abram never hesitated. God said it and the next day they were on the road. He never had a doubt in his mind. He told his servants that they would be back. He trusted God the whole way.
 - ii. Martin Luther King said: Faith is taking the first step even though you can’t see the whole staircase.
- D. The Woman With the Issue of Blood – Luke 8:40-56
- a. She was focused solely on getting to Jesus.
 - i. She didn’t see the crowds or the law makers. Her sole focus was Jesus.
 - ii. She knew that all she had to do was touch the hem of His garment and her new beginning would start!
 - iii. That’s the trust that she had, the belief that she had, the faith that she had.
 - b. When you need that new beginning, just focus on Jesus! Don’t let anything get in your way!
 - c. Peter walking on the water; everything was fine until he lost His focus. He took His eyes off of Jesus.
 - d. If you have been given a Word from the Lord stand on that word. If God gives you the vision He will give you the provision.
- E. The Death of Jairus’s Daughter – Luke 8:40-56
- a. Do not focus on the fear.
 - i. God says in His Word so many times, fear not!
 - ii. Fear not and focus on me and you will receive your new beginning. (vs. 50)
 - b. Hear the word of new beginning. (vs. 52)
 - i. She is not dead. What is your new beginning?
 - c. They ridiculed Him. (vs. 53)
 - i. The wrong people around you will do exactly that.
 - ii. The world and the enemy will beat you down.
 - d. But He put them all outside. (vs. 54)
 - i. He had brought Peter, James and John. The muscle!
 - ii. Your church family is your back up!
 - iii. When you are starting a new beginning and you need people to stand with you to encourage you and to stand with you, this is the place to be! Get in the church family!
 - e. They received their new beginning. (vs. 55-56)
 - i. Their daughter came back to life.
 - ii. If you can take from these scriptures on how to apply your new beginning for yourself. Your new beginning is coming!

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- F. The Lame Man At the Gate Called Beautiful - Acts 3:1
- a. Jesus was no longer on the scene.
 - i. They healed the man.
 - ii. He received his new beginning right there; not by Jesus but by Peter and John.
 - b. Matt. 28 – The great commission.
 - i. GO! Make disciples of all nations!
 - c. You might be working on your new beginning, that word from God or some area of your life that needs change, but know that when you walk out into the world you might be somebody's new beginning.
 - d. When you understand that authority that God has given you, He said go! Do something! Help somebody! Make someone's life awesome! We have awesome inside of us, we need to get that awesome out into the world!
 - e. That's what Jesus called us to do. So while you're working on your new beginning, help someone else get their new beginning started!
- G. We Dictate What Our New Beginning Looks Like
- a. We give it all to God and trust God.
 - i. It may not look the way we want it to look, but God's got it all figured out.
 - ii. He knows the end from the beginning.
 - b. Take that first step and trust God.
 - i. You don't have to see the whole staircase.
 - c. With new beginnings we have to be persistent and steadfast because the enemy will try every trick and tool to keep you down.
 - i. He will try to cause fear and doubt.
 - d. New beginnings have to go through a birthing process.
 - i. We have a limitless God within us!
 - e. We are ambassadors for the Kingdom of God!
 - i. The whole Kingdom of God behind us backing our new beginning!
- H. We Have to Understand the Power That's Within Us
- a. Ralph Waldo Emerson: The creation of a thousand forests is within one acorn.
 - b. The smaller the seed the closer to the surface you have to plant it because it doesn't have enough force to break through the earth.
 - c. So the larger the seed the deeper you want to plant it.
 - d. Think about the size of an acorn; it's the creation of a thousand forests. Now look at the size of you! If you are the seed of God, now what can you do!

Scripture References:

- Isaiah 43:19
- Acts 9:3-4
- Genesis 12:1-4
- Ecclesiastes 11:4
- Luke 8:40-56
- Acts 3:1-9
- Isaiah 46:10