New Beginnings Part 1

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***John 1:1-2 (NIV) 1*** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* ***2*** *He was with God in the beginning.*

1. New beginnings begin with **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

***1 Corinthians 5:17*** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

***2 Corinthians 5:14–16 (NIV84) 14*** *For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.* ***15*** *And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.* ***16*** *So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.*

2. New beginnings leave behind the past and focus on the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

***Philippians 3:13–14 (NLT) 13*** *No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,* ***14*** *I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.*

***Philippians 3:20–21 (NLT)******20*** *But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.* ***21*** *He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.*

3. New beginnings require letting go of past **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

***Ephesians 4:31–32 (GW)******31*** *Get rid of your bitterness, hot tempers, anger, loud quarreling, cursing, and hatred.* ***32*** *Be kind to each other, sympathetic, forgiving each other as God has forgiven you through Christ.*

***Hebrews 4:14–16 (GW)******14*** *We need to hold on to our declaration of faith: We have a superior chief priest who has gone through the heavens. That person is Jesus, the Son of God.* ***15*** *We have a chief priest who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses. He was tempted in every way that we are, but he didn’t sin.* ***16*** *So we can go confidently to the throne of God’s kindness to receive mercy and find kindness, which will help us at the right time.*

4. Start **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** yourself for the future.

***1 Timothy 4:7–8 (NLT)******7*** *Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives’ tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly.* ***8*** *“Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.”*

***2 Timothy 3:16–17 (GW)******16*** *Every Scripture passage is inspired by God. All of them are useful for teaching, pointing out errors, correcting people, and training them for a life that has God’s approval.* ***17*** *They equip God’s servants so that they are completely prepared to do good things.*