

## **“NEW BEGINNINGS”**

*Isaiah 43:18-19 - “Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.” Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.”*

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*Picture yourself in a classroom setting with a teacher, a chalkboard and a room filled with excited students. The chalk board is covered with various examples of content displayed to demonstrate the lesson material of the day. Once the bell rings, books are put away and all the students exit the classroom, the teacher then begins to wipe down the board and clean off everything that was written during the earlier class session. When the students return the following day, the board is clean and ready for new ideas, new concepts, and new examples to be written on it.*

*Now, can I let you in on a little secret? That is exactly what God does for you. At the end of each day, when you lay your head down for the night, because of the shed blood of Jesus Christ and the finished work of the cross, all your failures, frailties, and faults are wiped away and your slate is clean. When you awake on the next morning, new mercies are awaiting! Each day you awake, you are given a fresh start; another chance. In other words, you receive a new beginning filled with God’s sufficient grace, and His unmerited favor! Our God is a faithful God! That’s good news!*

*In order to experience a new beginning, you must have a:*

***NEW PERCEPTION** - You cannot have a new beginning without letting go of the past! And believe me, letting go is much harder than starting anew! Close that chapter in your life! End that season of your life! Shut the door on that person, place or practice in your life! Pack up some things! Throw away some things! Unplug some things! Delete some things! Disconnect some things! And erase some things from your past in order to move forward into a new beginning.*

***NEW PERSPECTIVE** - How often do you find yourself reminiscing on how things used to be? You are stuck so far in the past that, you fail to be present in the present whereby you are unable to forge ahead to your future and destiny! You just cannot accept the change that is evident around you and so you retrieve into your little shell, push the rewind button and rehearse over and over the way it used to be! But the reality is... everything must change. Nothing stays the same! Either you get with the program or you will get left behind!*

***NEW PURPOSE** - Ever notice someone who knows who they are and what their purpose and destiny is? They have a different look; a different talk; and a different walk! They have a new attitude and confidence about themselves! That really should be your stance! If you have been water baptized, blood bought and spirit filled, you should be walking in the newness of life! Live your life with intentionality because you have a new purpose and destiny for your life!*

*You can have a new beginning if you forget the former things and consider not the things of old.*

***BBlessed!***

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