

"Forgiveness, Is Not The Same As Perfection"

God's provision of a new start liberates people from the powerful hold that guilt, fear and memories of failure can have over a human. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus have made a way for humans to find God's forgiveness. A Christian is someone who has received God's forgiveness and now has the freedom to reject the old habits of bitterness, anger or revenge, like disposing of a 'shabby old coat'. Forgiveness, however, is not the same as perfection. Although many Christians can look back to a specific time at which they made a decision to make a new start as a follower of the way of Jesus Christ, living up to a new way of being is an ongoing struggle. Every mercy we receive takes us further in the process and we would be foolish to look back at where we were. No matter how small the step we take is, we are still further along than we were before. We must take the time to be with Him in whatever way we are being led to do so. Listen and receive the things He gives us...the new mercies He longs to feed you and let them penetrate your soul man. Know your born again spirit is already perfect in Him, loved by Him and longs to flow like rivers of living water into your mind, will and emotions until you know Him as He knows you.

"A New Day Is A Fresh Start"

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A Fresh Start!

A new day is a fresh start. It's an essential **"Do-over"** from the day before. The mistakes you made yesterday are just that, yesterday's mistakes. A new day allows you a new chance to make things right. God's mercies are like that. They are new **EVERY MORNING!**

When you wake up and before your feet hit the floor,
His Mercies Are New Every Morning!

Before you get that first cup of coffee to wake you up,
His Mercies Are New Every Morning!

Before you head out the door to start your day,
His Mercies Are New Every Morning!

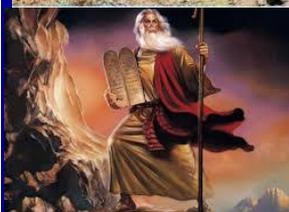
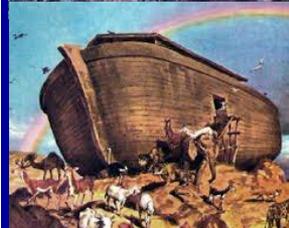
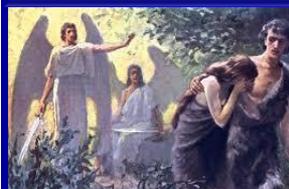
When you lay your head on your pillow at night
and you are stressed about what happened that day, remember,
His Mercies Are New Every Morning!

Every single morning, we get that **"do-over."**

God's Mercies Start Fresh.

They start over. Every single morning of our lives.

"A Biblical History of New Beginnings"



The Bible is full of beginnings, and that is a delight to lock into. God begins the world with creation. God begins humanity with Adam and Eve. Then, when Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden, God gave them clothes, sent them on their way, and began again. Then the world became such a horrible place that God found Noah, had him build an ark, put himself, his family, and every animal imaginable in it, sent him on his way, and began once more. As time went on, God chose Abraham to father a special people – a new relationship with humanity was begun. Soon God's special people were in bondage in Egypt; they cried out for deliverance, so God sent them a rescuer, Moses, through whom they were freed from bondage and brought into the Promised Land, and God began again. Then, as scripture says, in the fullness of time, God sent someone to bring the good news of another **"new beginning,"** one that offered salvation for all and eternal life – our Savior, Jesus Christ. New beginnings come to those who step out in faith as we see in this list of people who step out in faith. What was impossible for man was possible with God. To change anything in your life by the power of God takes faith. (Hebrews 11:6) **"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him."** This is the biblical definition of faith from Hebrews 11:1. **"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."**

"Nothing Is Impossible For God"

Nothing is impossible for God - not even to bring us into His perfect will, after we have failed miserably and repeatedly. Only our unbelief can hinder Him. If you say, **"But I have messed up things so many times. It is impossible for God now to bring me into His perfect plan"**, then it will be impossible for God, because you cannot believe in what He can do for you. But Jesus said that nothing is impossible for God to do for us - if only we believe. **"Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you."** (Matt. 9:29)

"We Will Get What We Have Faith For"



NEW
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If we believe that something is impossible for God to do for us, then it will not be fulfilled in our lives. We all mess up. We say things we later wish we could take back. We

do things we wish we could undo. We miss opportunities. This happens in all spheres of our lives. Sometimes we make mistakes at work, sometimes we hurt the people we love, sometimes we disappoint God. Whatever your blunders or failures, you can make a new beginning with God. And even if you have made a thousand new beginnings in the past and have come to failure, you can still make the 1001st new beginning today. God can still make something glorious out of your life. **While there is life, there is hope.** So, never fail to trust God. He cannot do many mighty works for many of His children, not because they have failed Him in the past, but because they will not trust Him now. Let us then **"Give glory to God by being strong in faith"** (Romans 4:20), trusting Him in the days to come for the things which we considered impossible up until now. You can have hope, no matter how much you may have failed in the past, if only you will acknowledge your failures, be humble and trust God.



*"His Mercies
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"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23) The Bible describes God's promises of mercy as **'New Every Morning'**. It is in the gracious nature of God that mistakes and failures

are not a stick to be beaten with, but an opportunity to change into something better. Those mercies, that fountain of grace, will **"Never End."** Never is a word that leaves no room for discussion. No room for fear either. God's lovingkindness is **"Never Limited"** and He is **"Never Weary."** God keeps reminding us of this, hoping we will finally grasp it: **"Love Never Fails"** (1 Corinthians 13:8). The Christian faith teaches that a new start is endlessly possible. (Philippians 3:13-14) **"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."** This Word of Hope is provided by a personal encounter with the risen and living Jesus Christ. He offers the opportunity and the resources to make a new start, despite all circumstances or failings. This day, this morning, when His mercies are new once again, may this truth wash over you afresh: **"You Are Loved!"**

"It Is A Battle To Believe"

There's something different between the experience of faith for tomorrow's power, and the actual experience of that power itself. **Faith stands on the promise of God and waits and hopes in weakness and peace.** And, of course, that waiting and hoping is part of today's mercy. Part of today's mercy is the ability to trust that there will be sufficient mercy for tomorrow. And we trust in that because God promises. **"And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in Glory in Christ Jesus."** (Philippians 4:19) But in spite of all the peace that faith can bring about today, it is not yet tomorrow's mercy or tomorrow's power. There's a difference. And that's why there is such a battle that goes on. We want the feeling of adequacy today for what we will have to go through tomorrow. Today's mercies for today's troubles; tomorrow's mercies for tomorrow's troubles. **"As your days so shall your strength be"** (Deuteronomy 33:25). Don't be anxious about tomorrow. The troubles and the mercies are appointed day by day. God says, **Trust me. I will give it to you when you need it.**

"God Is Not Limited"

God is not limited by time, season or process. The only limitation is when what He gives us falls on deaf ears or an unreceiving heart ruled by apathy, doubt and unbelief. Even then all we have to do is turn in His direction to find grace and mercy in our time of need. Truly He is closer than a breath away...for He is Christ in us. Wow...a true Selah moment if there ever was

"Mercy Comes In Many Forms"



Sometimes mercy does not always look like what we think it should. It comes in many forms: an encouraging or exhorting phone call from a friend, a spiritual message given by someone...as a still small voice or a loud sounding trumpet. Mercies may come as a sense of peace when resting in Him... as small seemingly insignificant thoughts which we need to

grasp a hold of and believe or through a Scripture we hear or read...through a message or through the beauty of nature...yes, and even through a storm. Mercies may come when you are listening to a song and feel your heart being tugged at to receive its words as truth in your life... or as words of victory, comfort, obedience, hope, correction, instruction...whatever they might be. To give reference as to how many ways there are to receive the mercies, comfort and loving-kindness of God on a daily basis is impossible. They are as varied as the people He has created. His thoughts toward us are beyond measure, therefore; we should without fear and with great pleasure endeavor to find them out on a moment by moment basis. Doing so will save us a lot of grief all while illuminating the path ahead of us.