

A Brand New Day

Many times our past hinders our present and aborts our future. I don't want my past to hinder my future! As I was praying about today's post I felt led to encourage you. Whatever happened yesterday is behind you, and today you have the opportunity to believe God anew. Today's a new day, a chance for a new start. Yesterday is gone and with it any regrets, mistakes, or failures. Let Him bring you into your new day today!

Whatever happened yesterday, last week, last month or even last year, it is behind you. Today is a new day of fresh possibilities. What controlled you yesterday does not have to control you today. Be encouraged with the truth, every morning brings a new day your way. Until you let go of what's behind you - - you can never go forward.

Philippians 3:12, *"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead."*

Throw off those things that are behind you that so easily distracted you from the true cause of Christ purposes in your life. You can let yesterday's situations make you better or bitter. There are many moments in your life where things happen, and you will either move closer to God or away from Him.

Each of these moments (or whatever you want to call them) are opportunities where decisions (or actions) can have a profound eternal meaning in your relationship with God. When Paul wrote his letter to the Philippians, he was confident in what God was doing. He didn't let things make him bitter. He let each situation make him better always believing God was directing him each day. His current situation would soon be in the past.

Friends, be encouraged. He will continue to work within you until Christ returns. God pours fresh mercy on you each morning. The work God does in you accomplishes one central thing. It makes you more like Jesus (see Philippians 2:5-10). His purposes are eternal and never change. His purposes are rooted within the events of your life. It's time to move forward into the promises of the new day. Step out and see what God has prepared for your new day!

Heavenly Father,

O God, here I am in Your presence this new day. I thank you for my past—its joys and challenges. But help me not to live there. Today I embrace the new day. I embrace Your Word that today is a new day. By your grace and strength, I can say Past- that's exactly what you are! Past.

Lord, I am responsible for how I respond today. Today is a new day. By the Blood of your Son and with the help of Holy Spirit, I will not be enslaved to things in my past. I bow my knee to You alone and call out for forgiveness. I ask You to fill me with the hope of a new day. Lord, I release and surrender all memories, feelings, vain imaginations, fears or weaknesses that try to keep me in the past and I willingly step into this new day with You! As I start each day, help me remember that I belong to you, and that each day is a new day in You. In Jesus name."

