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In Joshua 1:9 we are encouraged to “Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.” Another way of stating that is: Take courage for God is with us no matter what life brings.

If 2020 has taught us anything it is that we as a human race have witnessed firsthand the truth of that scripture. No one could have anticipated the chaos of 2020, but the whole world is looking forward to putting it behind us. We are all looking for **A New Beginning**.

Here now the Lord as he speaks to us from down through the ages: “*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.” God is telling us that He is going to give us **A New Beginning**. **A New Beginning** does not mean a life without challenge, but hear what He tells us in 1Corinthians 10:13 “*I will not let you be tested beyond what you can endure*”. The Lord is telling us that He will not put a burden on us that we cannot bear. So “*Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed*: God is saying I know what you have seen. I know what you have heard, and I know what you have already gone through; but what I am telling you is I’ve got your back! We are going to experience **A New Beginning!**

Not only is He going to give us **A New Beginning** but He is going to do it now! The Lord says “*now it shall spring forth!*” In other words it’s happening as we speak! You don’t have to wait on these new things to begin. You don’t have to wait until the clock strikes midnight and January 1st finally arrives. Just look around and you can see it. There is the changing of the guard in the Whitehouse, the dissemination of the Covid vaccines, and more help for small

businesses as well as help for individual families is on the horizon. These are but a few of the New Beginnings that are taking place. Even though these new things are happening, by no means are we to let our guard down. No, we must remain vigilant in all of our health and safety practices and protocols, but know that help is on the way!

Unfortunately, there are those who for whatever reason don't handle newest as well as others. Byron Pulsifer note motivational speaker says "A lot of people seeking new beginnings have never finished with the past." Brothers and sisters you can't move forward if you are looking backward. You have to leave the past in the past. Whether they be victories or defeats, they are the past. Failures or successes, they are still the past, so let them go. Paul says in Philippians 3:13 & 14 "*Brethren I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*" Paul is putting everything

that is past in the past because the prize that he seeks can't be reached in the past. He can't go back and get it. He can only press forward. My brothers and sisters **A New Beginning** awaits us, but we cannot experience it by looking backwards. If a New Beginning is what you truly seek, you must be willing to reach for it. You can't count on old practices to yield new results no more than you can count on bad habits to produce new outcomes. If you want **A New Beginning** you can't yearn for the "Good ole days" especially in times like these; In time of drastic change, the learned find themselves ill equipped to live in a world that no longer exist, whereas the learners find themselves inheriting the future. In other words you must be flexible, will to change, willing apply new perspectives. The hurts, pains, and disappointments of the past a surely lessons we should have learned from, but just as the phoenix rises from its ashes, we to must rise from our past and with renewed purpose move toward our new beginning, looking to author and finisher of our faith to guide us. God has **A New Beginning** for us. He

has prepared it, and it now in place. He is just waiting on us to catch up!

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He says “I will even make a way in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert.” In the midst of the current times of trouble He is going to He is going to do something New! He is going to show up and show out. And when He does it there won't be any doubt that He is the One that is doing it because He is the only one that can make a way out of no way. He is the only one who can make water out of dry places and he will do it just for us. I don't know about you, but I am ready for **A New Beginning!**

