A NEW CHAPTER

Life is a series of experiences; a journey from one point to another. The beauty of life is that there’s opportunity to make things better. If life is a book, everyone has a chance to end one chapter and begin a new one.

Our God is a God of new beginnings. There’s no reason for you to be stuck in a chapter that only has sad news and shows no progress. Talk to the Father in heaven and let Him help you begin a new chapter in your life.

For instance, if you’re tired of a certain habit or lifestyle, you don’t have to keep in the frustration of that chapter; you can begin a new chapter where that habit is no longer in control but under your feet! Whatever has a beginning has an end. There’s a day when that particular chapter began in your life or your lineage, and this can be the day it gets closed.

The greatest transition of chapters in someone’s life is when they get born again and receive the Son of God, Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. The Bible says in 2Corinthians 5:17 that if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone and the new has come!

If you’re tired of living a life of uncertainty, bondage and sin, you can end that chapter of your life and receive Jesus Christ as the Lord and Saviour of your life. Your current chapter will end immediately and a new chapter shall begin! The old shall end by saying, “and he died” and then the next chapter will start by saying, “in a miraculous turn of events, he resurrected but he is now indescribable; the body looks the same but the person in the body has never existed before!” Hallelujah!

Probably, you’re already in Christ. The day you came to Christ did not mark the end of the book, it was just the beginning of the best part of your life! There are chapters that still need to be closed in your life and there are those that need to be opened.

The Bible talks about the righteous man in Proverbs 24:16. In the New Testament context, this is the man that is in Christ. The Bible says that even when he falls seven times, he can rise again! What does that mean? It means that this man, even after he backslides, he can write one chapter after the other and the title of the first chapter is “the comeback”, the next chapter reads “the restoration”, the third chapter reads, “I was down but now I’m up”, the fourth chapter reads, “lessons from my last 3 falls”, the next one reads, “the return of the man of God”! On and on, the man keeps adding wonderful chapters to this story. No matter how many times the righteous falls, there’s always an opportunity to arise! As long as you’re still alive, you still have a new chapter to add to your life. If you are a backslider, don’t keep beating yourself up, just grab the available opportunity to close that chapter of your life and open a new one. The man writes in Lamentations 3 about the mercies of the Lord that are new every morning; the reason for these mercies is for us to have the ability to have a new beginning! His mercies are new even this morning for every backslider to get restored to their place of authority in Christ.

You may not even be a backslider, but a progressive Child of God that is tired of a certain condition in your life. There’s enough grace to help you close that chapter of your life. Reach out to God in faith today and declare a new chapter in that area. Stop declaring how you’re tired and start declaring that “I’m moving on”. Stop pitying yourself and start getting excited about the new thing that the Lord is doing in your life. He says these words in Isaiah 43:18-19, “Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold I will do a new thing…” Those words simply mean “I have closed the old chapter and I’m opening a new one!”
Whatever is not part of God’s will for your life is not meant to be permanent. No matter where you find yourself today, no matter what has persisted for long in your life, there’s an opportunity for you to write a new chapter of your life – simply embrace it. That’s what Jesus does – re-writing people’s stories.

Bartimaeus once had a long chapter of his life entitled, “the blind beggar” but when he met Jesus, that chapter was closed but his book was just starting to be interesting! I think the next chapter of his life must have sounded like “the day I met Jesus”. [Mark 10]

Saul once upon a time had a chapter of his life entitled, “the zealous Pharisee” but after He had a Divine Encounter with Jesus, he started writing chapters like, “the marvelous Grace of God”, “My name is Paul”, “How a murderer became an Apostle”! [Acts 9]

There are so many stories in the Bible that had a miraculous twist by the power of God. We can’t finish them all in one sermon. Should we talk of Hannah or Sarah? Should we talk about Peter or Abraham? Should we talk about David or Esther? The list is endless. Nevertheless, the good news is; all these stories were recorded in the Bible so that we could have a strong foundation for our faith when we choose to believe this same God of the Bible.

There is no story that cannot have a positive turn around. If you’re tired of a certain chapter in any area of your life, start declaring the title (s) of the next chapter (s) of your life story. Are you tired of renting? Are you tired of ‘just surviving’? Are you tired of being in bondage? Are you tired of pain? Are you willing to get back to the first love you had for God? Are you tired of fornication? Are you tired of witchcraft? Are you tired of failure? Receive the grace of God this day to write a better chapter of your life as you declare it in prayer by faith.

Prayer:

Father, in the name of Jesus, a new chapter of my life is being opened right now. The chapters of lack, pain, insufficiency, sickness, compromise, mediocrity and failure are all closed as of this day. I declare the beginning of new chapters of health, wealth, abundance and excellence in my life, my family and my work. By faith I receive the new thing that you’re doing in my life, in Jesus’ glorious name! Amen.

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