

Today

I close the door
to the past, open
the door to the
future, take a
deep breath,
step on through
and start a new
chapter in my
life.





Life is Full of New Beginnings

Each new day

Each new baby

Each colt, calf, cub and kitten.

Each new flower, each blade of grass.

Each new decision to begin again and try.

*Each one baptized into Christ is a **NEW** Creature.*

Luke 5 Time of *New Beginnings*

Luke 5:12-16 *Leper's New Beginnings*

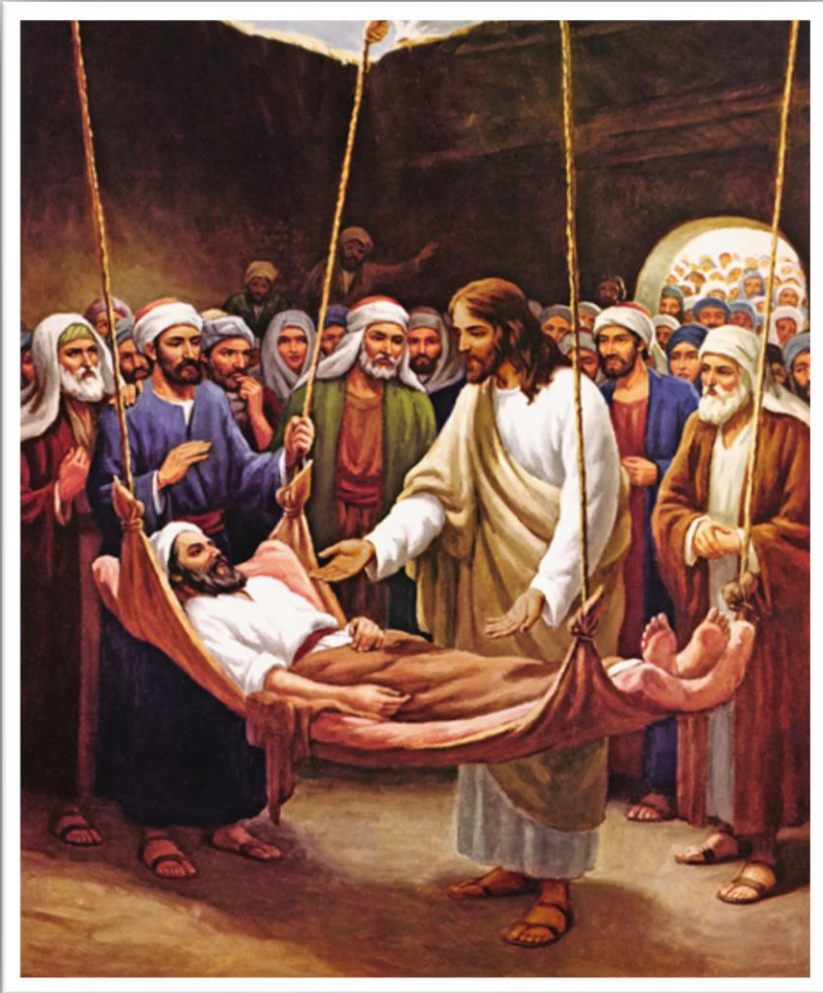
And it came about that while He was in one of the cities, behold, *there was a man full of leprosy.*



(Greek lepras) 3013 Several forms. Starts with light or dark patches on the skin. Left untreated can result in permanent damage to skin, nerves, limbs and eyes. Further infection brings tissue loss of fingers and toes.

Lk 5:12 Lord *You can make me clean* (Not all had faith Lk 7:12f)
Mark 1:41 Jesus moved w/ *compassion* (For us too. Col 3:12)
Luke 5:13 He reached out his hand & *touched him* (Nu 5:1-4)
Luke 5:13 *Immed* the leprosy left him (No so w/ fake healers)
Luke 5:14 Show yourself to the *priest*. (Lev 14:1-9) Cleansed
Mark 1:45 He went out & began to *spread the news!* (Lk 5:16)

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He's made a New Beginning
Life changed in every area!

Lk 5:17 *Huge audience*
from all Galilee & Judea.

Mark 2:1 At home in
Capernaum.. No room!

Luke 5:19 Let down thru *the*
tiles. [likely outside stairs]

Luke 5:20 Seeing *THEIR*
faith. v.21 *Sins forgiven.*

Luke 5:22-24 *GET UP,* pick up
your stretcher & go home.

Luke 5:25 *IMMEDIATELY*
he got up.. went home
glorifying God.

A lioness and her cub are shown in a savanna setting. The lioness is in the foreground, looking towards the right, with her cub perched on her back. The background is a blurred landscape of tall grass and trees under a warm, golden light.

YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO SET
ANOTHER GOAL OR TO DREAM A
NEW DREAM.

C. S. Lewis

AZQUOTES

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Start now.

Start where you are.

Start with what you have.

Start with the voice trembling, but start.

Start and don't stop.



*A journey of a thousand miles begins
with a single step.* Lau Tzu

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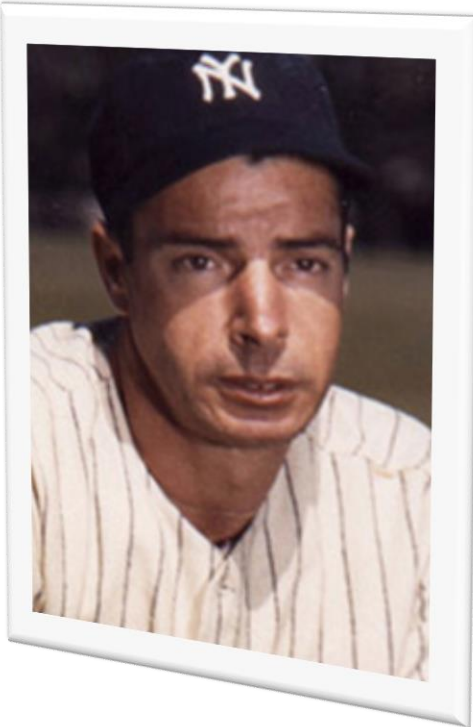
Lk 5:27-28
The *call of Matthew*

Luke 5:27 And he noticed *a tax-gatherer named Levi*, sitting in the tax office, and He said to him, "**Follow Me.**"

Luke 5:29-32 Levi throws a party & invites his *tax-gatherer* friends and Pharisee come and *grumble... why do you eat?*

Ready to serve God's Purpose for YOU? (Acts 13:36)

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Joltin Joe Dimaggio

Yankee Center Fielder

361 HR; .325 BA

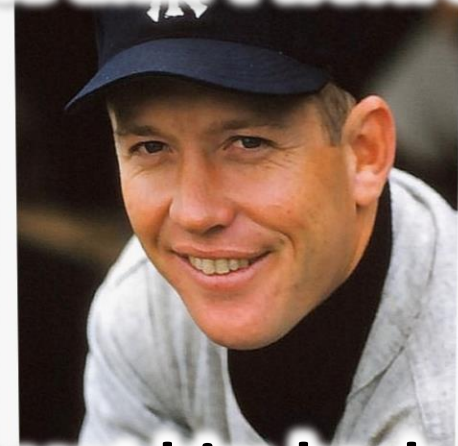
Declining ability.

Retired following 1951



Who would
replace
Dimaggio?

Brought a kid up from
the farm league.
He didn't work out.



They sent him back down.

Later brought him back

1951-1958; 536 HR

1,509 RBI; .298 BA

NY C-field **Mickey Mantle**

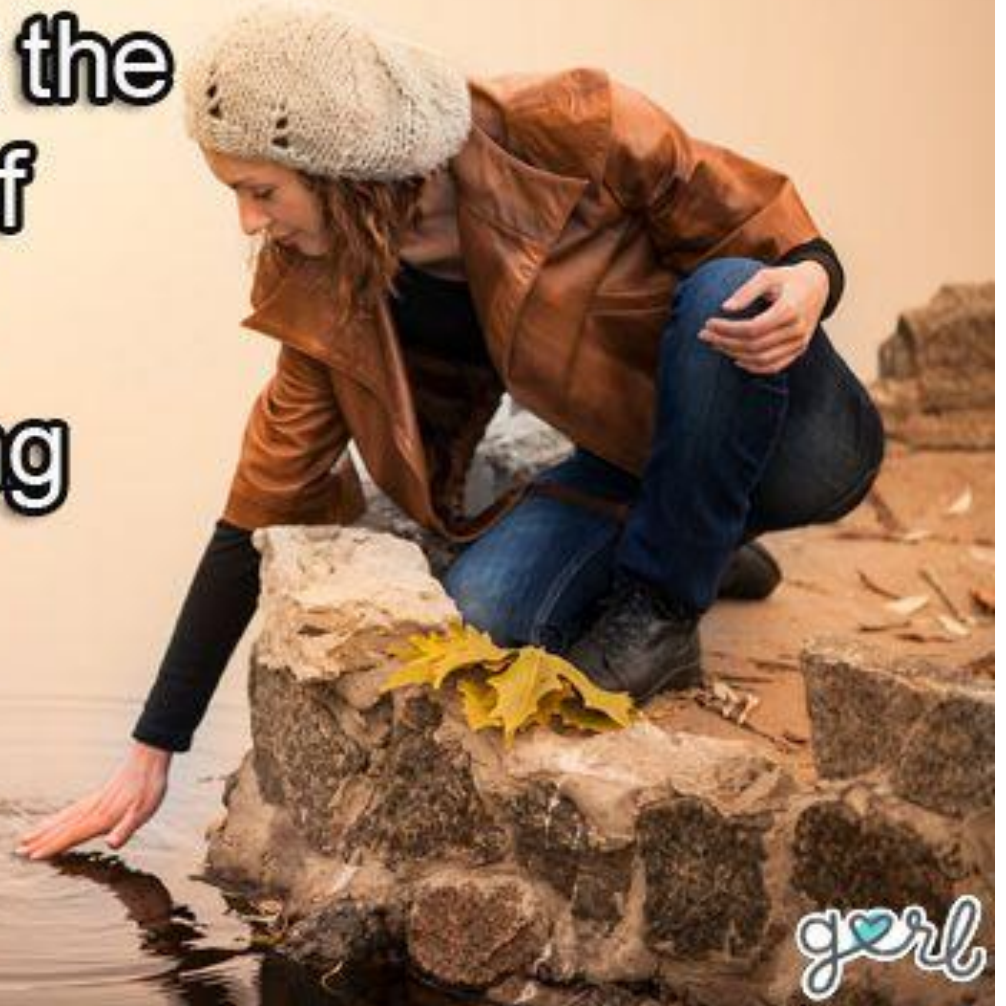
You don't replace others— just be the best *You*.

If one dream should fall apart and break into a thousand pieces, never be afraid to pick up one of those pieces and **BEGIN AGAIN.**

Broken Pieces



**You can't start the
next chapter of
your life if you
keep re-reading
the last one.**



A photograph of a sunset over a beach with several large, dark rocks in the foreground. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and reflecting on the wet sand. The sky is filled with soft, orange and pink clouds. The quote is overlaid in a large, white, bold font with a slight shadow effect.

**Success is not final, failure is not
fatal: it is the courage to continue
that counts.**

Winston Churchill



Dear Lord,
I thank You

for the Grace of being alive this morning;
I thank You for the sleep that has refreshed me;
I thank You for the chance to
make a new beginning.

We serve a ***GOD of New Beginnings*** like Peter,
Paul, Matthew, John Mark, Mary Magdalene.