

SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY – JANUARY 3, 2010  
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**TITLE:** “The Land of Beginning Again”

**TEXT:** 2 Corinthians 5:17

**INTRODUCTION:** Poem by Louise Fletcher (Tarkington) – “The Land of Beginning Again”

God has built new beginnings into the very machinery of the universe ....

- a. Each morning is a new beginning
- b. Every Sunday marks a new beginning
- c. The seasons of the year and the changes they bring remind us that God allows nature to “start over again”
- d. The new year brings a new beginning to our lives

Forget the past and walk into the future with new faith and courage ... let’s assume that the life expectancy is 80 years ....

- If you are 20, you have 60 years left, approximately 21,900 tomorrows
- If you are 40, you have approximately 14,600 tomorrows
- If you are 50, you have approximately 10,950 tomorrows
- If you are 60, you have approximately 7,300 tomorrows

How to make your tomorrows bright ...

I: FORGET PAST FAILURES - “Forgetting those things which are behind....”

II: FORGET PAST VICTORIES – The past can be the enemy of the present  
The good can be the enemy of the better

III: FORGET WHAT PEOPLE HAVE SAID AND HAVE DONE TO YOU – Give them a chance to start over, too

**CONCLUSION:** Did you ever see a tomorrow that didn’t have a night before it? Out of the darkness of the night, tomorrow dawns into day!