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BRG9049 Start Now

Start Now

Go ahead and start now. Today is a brand new day. It's a day you've never seen before. It is also a day you will never see again. So what are you waiting for? Go ahead and start now.

- ❖ Give Up
- ❖ Let Go
- ❖ Move Forward

Give Up the Past

Let's take a look at two very people who needed to give up the past in order to "Start Now: Joseph/Woman at the Well

First we'll look at Joseph – sold as a slave, slandered by Potiphar's wife, wrongly imprisoned.

Genesis 50:20 NLT

You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

Now let's look at the woman at the Well

Woman/married several times/living with someone without being married.....

John 4:47-30 NLT

Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, "What do you want with her?" or "Why are you talking to her?" ²⁸ The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" So the people came streaming from the village to see him.

What's in my past that I need to give up?

Let Go

Philippians 3:13 NLT

No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,

I am your constant companion. I am your greatest helper or heaviest burden. I will push you onward or drag you down to failure. I am completely at your command. Half of the things you do you might as well turn over to me and I will do them - quickly and correctly. I am easily managed - you must be firm with me. Show me exactly how you want something done and after a few lessons, I will do it automatically. I am the servant of great people, and alas, of all failures as well. Those who are great, I have made great. Those who are failures, I have made failures. I am not a machine though I work with the precision of a machine plus the intelligence of a person. You may run me for profit or run me for ruin - it makes no difference to me. Take me, train me, be firm with me, and I will place the world at your feet. Be easy with me and I will destroy you. Who am I?

I am Habit.

Are there any habits that I need to "let go"?

Move Forward

Woman with the issue of blood

Man at the pool of Bethesda

Man with the withered hand

What did these three people have in common?

They continued to **Move Forward** anyway !

How can I start to move forward one step at a time?

Give Up _____

Let Go _____

Move Forward _____

Up Next: Finish Well

Let's Pray

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for giving me the strength through Christ to Start Now. Show me in my life how to give up the past, let go of unhealthy habits, and how to move forward anyway. I trust you with my life and ask you to order my steps in Your Word.

In Jesus Name

AMEN



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