

“The Beginning That Changes Everything”

New Beginnings

Part 5

“O LORD, I have come to you for protection; ... Save me and rescue me, for you do what is right. Turn your ear to listen to me, and set me free. Be my rock of safety where I can always hide. Give the order to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. My God, rescue me from the power of the wicked, from the clutches of cruel oppressors. O Lord, you alone are my hope. but you will restore me to life again and lift me up from the depths of the earth. You will restore me to even greater honor and comfort me once again.

No wonder I am always praising you!

Psalm 71:1- 5 & 20 – 21

“Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it.

Your original design is to be image bearers of God

“My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long—though I know not how to relate them all. I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign LORD; I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone.”

Psalm 71:15-16

*We spend 60 percent of our conversation
talking about **OURSELVES***

Society is very adept at self-centeredness

➤ *It takes effort to talk about anything else*

*For you have been my hope, O Sovereign LORD,
my confidence since my youth.*

I will ever praise you.

*but you are my strong refuge. ⁸My mouth is filled with your
praise, declaring your splendor all day long.*

*My mouth will tell of your righteousness, of your salvation all day
long, though I know not its measure.*

*¹⁶I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, O Sovereign LORD; I will
proclaim your righteousness, yours alone.*

Psalm 71

“A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad. ³⁴ You brood of snakes! How could evil men like you speak what is good and right? For whatever is in your heart determines what you say. ³⁵ A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. ³⁶ And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. ³⁷ The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you”

Matthew 12:33-37 NLT



The mouth speaks what the heart is full of

What Jesus said; we should say

What Jesus did; we should do

Will you speak words of Jesus?

“Be very careful, then, how you live, not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunityBe filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.”

Ephesians 5: 15-19

“don’t worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time.”

Matthew 10:19 NLT

*God has placed people in Your
sphere of influence for a reason*