

Sermon Notes
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“STARTING OVER”
(II Corinthians 5:17)

Introduction: It happens to the **{YOUNG}**. It happens to the **{ELDERLY}**. It can happen in mid-**{LIFE}**. It happens to singles and **{MARRIED}**. It happens to the unsaved and to the **{SAVED}**. Most people find themselves needing to **“START OVER”**. Our text reveals two things about **“STARTING OVER”**: It is **{POSSIBLE}**. It is a **{PROCESS}**.

I. {NAOMI} IS AN EXAMPLE OF ONE WHO “STARTED OVER”!

*Ruth 1:1-5 *Ruth 1:8-9 *Ruth 1:19-22 *Ruth 2:1 *Ruth 4:13-17

*Psalm 37:25 *Psalm 92:13-14 *Genesis 12:1-4 *John 4:13-18

Note: Blessings are not based upon **{LOCATION}**, **{VOCATION}**, nor **{MARITAL}** status. Blessings come from the **{LORD}** (James 1:17).

II. THE {PRODIGAL} SON IS AN EXAMPLE OF STARTING OVER!

*Luke 15:11-14 *Luke 15:17-18 *Luke 15:24 *Luke 15:28-30

*Ecclesiastes 12:1 *I Timothy 4:12 *Proverbs 14:12 *Genesis 35:1-3

Note: Sometimes you must **{WAIT}** on the Prodigal. (Ecclesiastes 2:1-11)

III. THE APOSTLE {PAUL}

*Acts 9:1-6 *Acts 9:19-24 *Philippians 3:7-8 *Philippians 3:13

*Luke 5:27-28 *Luke 8:1-3 *Philippians 1:6

Note: People can **{CHANGE}**! It is **{PROGRESSIVE}**.

Conclusion: Any person can start over. These testimonies were left to encourage us. It requires **{BEING REBORN}** (II Corinthians 5:17) and **{RESOLVE}** (John 8:30-32). The New Year is a great time to make resolutions for change.