

“The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.” Lamentations 3:22-23 (NLT)

Why did God create the concept of time? Our whole day revolves around it. If you think about it, time forms the framework of our entire life. Childhood development is mapped according to age; our education system uses years to divide levels of education; we even split up the average lifespan of a human into ‘stages of life’. We break up years into seasons, seasons into months, months into days, days into hours, and so on.

While I was contemplating the idea of new beginnings, I was really struck by the fact that without the concept of time there would be no concept of a new beginning. New beginnings bring such joy and excitement. The gift of a new life – a child’s birth - is the BEGINNING of his/her ‘existence’ on earth. The excitement of STARTING a new job, or the BEGINNING of a new relationship or marriage. There really is something special about a new beginning.

However, in the everyday living of life, every NEW day is marked by the routine of: waking up, rushing kids to school, rushing to get to work, rushing through work, rushing home, rushing through homework, rushing kids to bed ... and then doing it all again the next day. In the monotony of life, we can easily get discouraged and miss what I believe God intended for us to experience with the gift of every new morning.

I believe God would have the new morning **remind** us that His mercies are NEW **every morning**. We can come to him ANEW and ask Him for his grace – which is all-sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9); and to repent and ask for his forgiveness (1 John 1:9). We can ask our Father for strength for the NEW day ahead, knowing that He has already gone ahead of us (Deuteronomy 31:8). We can ask him for a FRESH infilling of His Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) and for His divine wisdom for the new day (James 1:5).

If we are to truly to be His disciples, to deny ourselves and take up our cross **daily** and follow Him (Luke 9:23), then we need to know His mercy each morning. To be disciples of Jesus we need to be filled with, and led by His Holy Spirit, we need to walk in His imputed righteousness (through forgiveness and by faith) and be empowered by His grace. We need His wisdom above our own and we need His power and strength at work in our lives.

Father, please will you give us a fresh revelation of the beautiful gift that you give us in every new morning. Remind us by your Spirit of your faithfulness, of your love and mercies with each new sunrise. In Jesus' name, Amen.