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Ready to face a new beginning
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Momentum for growth in our spiritual lives develops as we see the need for a new beginning. Denying the need for a new beginning drains momentum and leaves us stuck. New beginnings require necessary endings.

Personal and spiritual growth depends on our ability to see one chapter of life closing and a new one opening. These signals of transition come in different forms - a career change, the loss of a relationship, a physical move, and health issues.

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Joshua 1:1-9 NIV

<small>1</small> After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord , the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: <small>2</small> "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. <small>3</small> I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. <small>4</small> Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. <small>5</small> No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. <small>6</small> Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. <small>7</small> "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. <small>8</small> Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. <small>9</small> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."
<https://bible.com/bible/111/jos.1.1-9.NIV>

Sermon in a Sentence

Your mission includes boundaries and opportunities.

A clear (mission-vision) includes not only what (a Christian or) a church will say yes to, but what (they) will say no to as well.

Learning to say no is one of the toughest tasks (needed to develop spiritual momentum).

Sometimes a (mission-vision) dictates that answer be "No, it will never happen."

At other times, the (mission-vision) dictates, "No, we cannot do it all at this time."

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What obstacles hinder many Christians and churches from discovering God's mission-vision for them?

OBSTACLE #1: The Meet My Needs Mentality

OBSTACLE #2: The Mark Time with Maintenance Mentality

OBSTACLE #3: The Discouragement and Dismay Mentality