



WITNESS Sermon Study Guide

Week 9: New Life Allan Demond

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The Creator of the universe has a passion that you should have life, and have it to the full (John 10:10). Through Jesus, God offers a new beginning, a restart which opens the way to a right relationship with Himself. This week we explore this wonderful theme of new life.

Read Genesis 2:15-25 (& 3:1-24)

In the story of humanity, Adam represents the beginning marred by brokenness and sin. Our first parents chose rebellion, leading to a disconnected and broken relationship with God, with each other, and with the world.

This one act of disobedience resulted in condemnation for all people, but one act of righteousness resulted in justification and new life for all people.

Jesus is described as the “new Adam”—what scholars call the progenitor. He is the beginning of a new line, a fresh start for humanity. Where the first Adam made a choice that led to sin and separation from God, Jesus made a choice, through his death and resurrection, that opened the door to restoration.

1. Look up the definition of ‘progenitor’. How does this word help you better understand who Jesus is and what he has done?
2. How have you experienced new life in Jesus? Can you think of a story or example of how your life has changed? Reflect on how you could use this story to witness to others.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; & Romans 5:18-21

The human race has been ‘recalled’. Like a faulty product, humanity’s core issue is brokenness, and you only need to flick on the news or scroll through social media to



see there's something deeply wrong. The line between good and evil runs straight through every human heart.

But in recalling the human race, God makes provision for our salvation by putting himself in the mix and reconciling us to himself through Christ. God's recall has a beautiful result—it brings new life. Not just in eternity, but here and now. And through us, God continues the work of renewal. We don't just receive new life—we bear witness to it, and become agents of hope to the world around us.

1. In His grace, God chooses not to condemn a broken humanity to the bin like a faulty product or reprogramme us to factory settings like a glitchy machine. What does this say about personhood and agency? What does this say about the character of God?
2. God is making all things new and offering a fresh restart for all people. How can we participate and bear witness to those around us?

How do we respond?

Responding to God's recall on our lives requires a little bit of understanding, a little bit of faith, and a response on our part.

Understanding

A little understanding is all it takes to see that the world is not as it should be. And a little understanding is all it takes to respond. Whether it's the start of your new life in Christ, or someone else who you are journeying with, just jump in! Ask questions, do Alpha, explore more about who Jesus is and what He has done—but don't wait to have it all figured out. A little understanding is enough to start now.

Faith

Faith isn't just a religious thing—it's woven into everyday life. When you throw out recalled spinach because the supermarket said it's unsafe – that's faith. When you drop off your car for a recalled part and trust the mechanic to do their job – that's faith. We're constantly making decisions based on trust and a little bit of faith, and our response to Jesus is no different. Wherever you are on your journey – questioning, exploring, committed, or somewhere in between – there's an open invitation for more.

Act

God recalls us not to discard us, but to renew us. He sees the fault lines in our hearts, the sin that tangles our lives, and He calls us back to Himself. And now, God asks us to respond. Becoming a follower of Jesus starts with a little understanding, a little faith, and a bold “yes” to his invitation and gift of new life.



1. Ghaz shared her testimony of saying yes to new life in Christ and deciding to be baptised. What stood out to you from her story? What encouraged you? What challenged you?
2. What is one practical step you can take this week to live more fully in the new life that Jesus offers? Is there a way you can deepen your understanding and grow your faith in response to His invitation? Have you said yes to Jesus?