

**NC** NEW COVENANT CHURCH

# The Power of TODAY

*But exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today,"*

Hebrews 3:13

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A vibrant sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that radiates across the sky. The sky is filled with wispy, colorful clouds in shades of blue, purple, and pink. The water in the foreground is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky. A path or road leads from the bottom right towards the horizon, disappearing into the distance. The overall scene is peaceful and inspiring.

## 2 Corinthians 4:16 (NKJV)

*Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our **outward man** is perishing, yet the **inward man** is being renewed day by day.*



## Hebrews 3:13

*But exhort one another daily, while it is called  
“**Today,**” lest any of you be hardened through the  
deceitfulness of sin.*





**Power of Today KEY POINT #1:**  
**Today is when life begins anew!**

*“Even though our outward man is  
perishing, yet the **inward man is being  
renewed day by day.**” (2 Cor. 4:16)*





## **Many factors resist the power of TODAY:**

- Living a long time in a negative condition (Like Israel).
- Recent dramatic change.
- It's difficult to hear, "You don't belong here."
- It takes bold, faith-filled, action to change a mindset from yesterday to TODAY.





**Power of Today KEY POINT:**

**You have a lot to do with giving power to others.**

**Hebrews 3:13**

*But exhort one another daily, while it is called  
“**Today,**” lest any of you be hardened through  
the deceitfulness of sin.*



## **Psalms 46 (NKJV)**

*1 God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; 3 **Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah***

***4 There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High. 5 God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.***





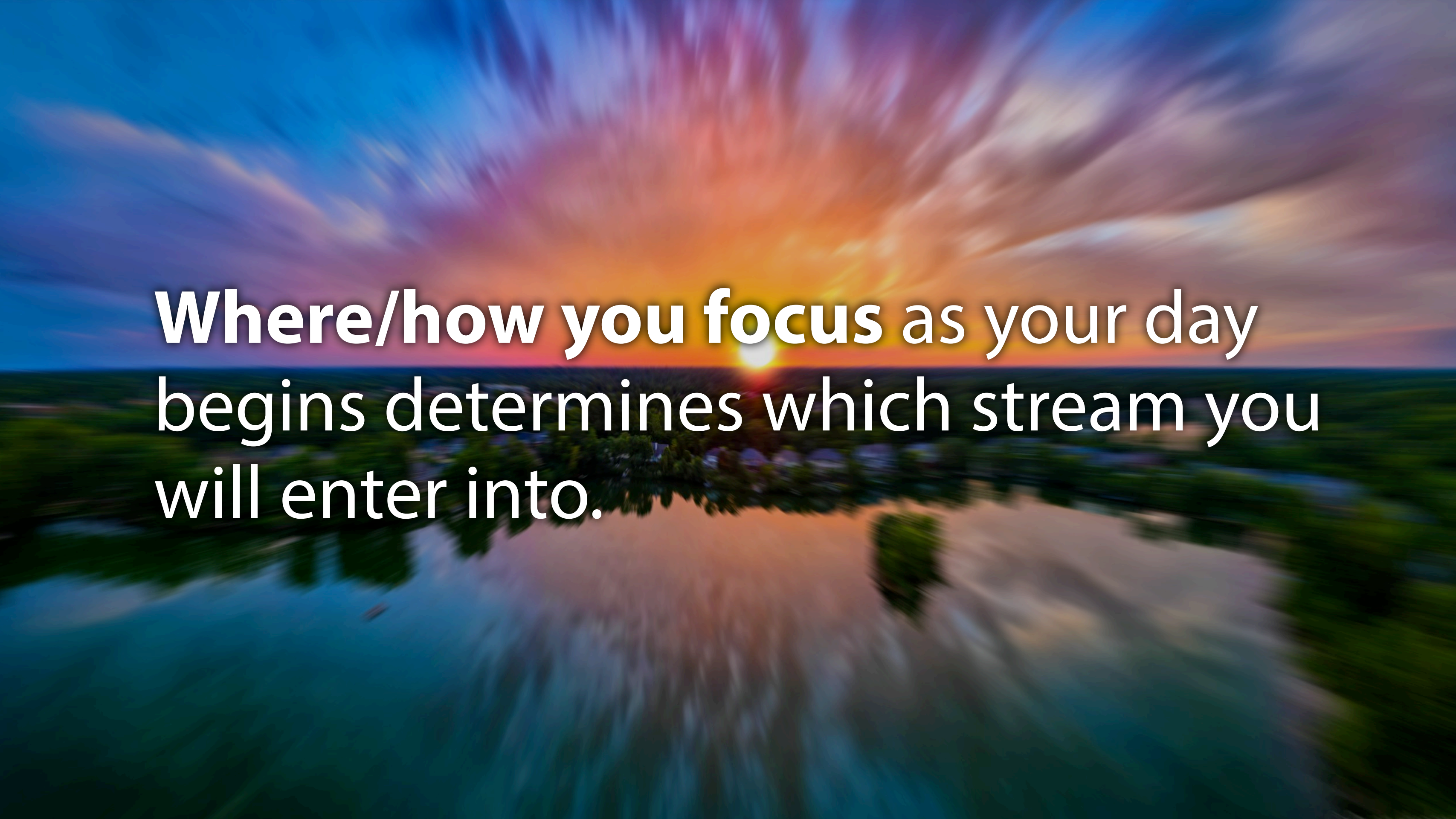
# **Power of Today KEY POINT:**

There two forces await you everyday

1. **Troubled Streams** (*Perishing*)

2. **Streams That Make Glad** (*Renewing*)





**Where/how you focus** as your day begins determines which stream you will enter into.



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- Set a standard of PEACE & JOY
  - Don't give WORRY or FEAR a foothold



The background image is a long-exposure photograph of a sunset or sunrise. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the center of the frame, partially obscured by a line of dark, silhouetted trees. The sky is a dramatic mix of colors, with deep blues and purples at the top, transitioning into warm oranges and yellows near the horizon. The water in the foreground is highly blurred, creating a sense of motion and reflecting the colors of the sky. The overall effect is ethereal and inspiring.

"What happens in the moment **is not your life**, it is only **in your life**."

~ Ryan Holiday



# WHAT COMES EVERY DAY?

**Mercy:** *God's gift before and after faith. Prevention or lessening of consequences following our errors.*

**Lamentations 3:22-24**

*Through the Lord's mercies **we are not consumed**,  
Because His compassions fail not. 23 They are **new every morning**; Great is Your faithfulness.*



# WHAT COMES EVERY DAY?

**Benefits:** *Provision, protection, grace to function, etc.*

**Psalm 68:19**

*Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits,  
The God of our salvation! Selah*

**Matthew 6:11**

*Give us this day our daily bread.*



## WHAT COMES EVERY DAY?

**Your Cross:** *Opportunity to place others higher than yourself. Carry responsibility deny yourself, follow Christ, and serve God's purposes.*

### **Luke 9:23**

*Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."*

### **Proverbs 8:34**

*Blessed is the man who **listens** to me, **Watching** daily at my gates, **Waiting** at the posts of my doors*



# TODAY: Reflection & Application

1. In what ways I am being renewed TODAY?
2. Why does my life begin again TODAY? (Not starting over)
3. What hinders my awareness of TODAY?
4. Who will I encourage/exhort TODAY?
5. What streams from God's river make me glad TODAY?
6. What does MERCY mean to me TODAY?
7. What do GOD'S BENEFITS mean to me TODAY?
8. What does MY CROSS mean to me TODAY?