

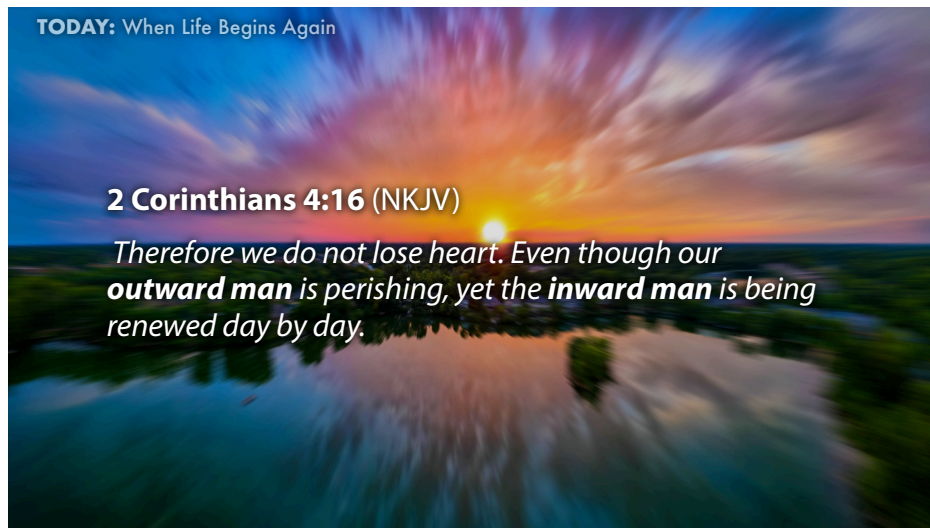
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When Life Begins Again

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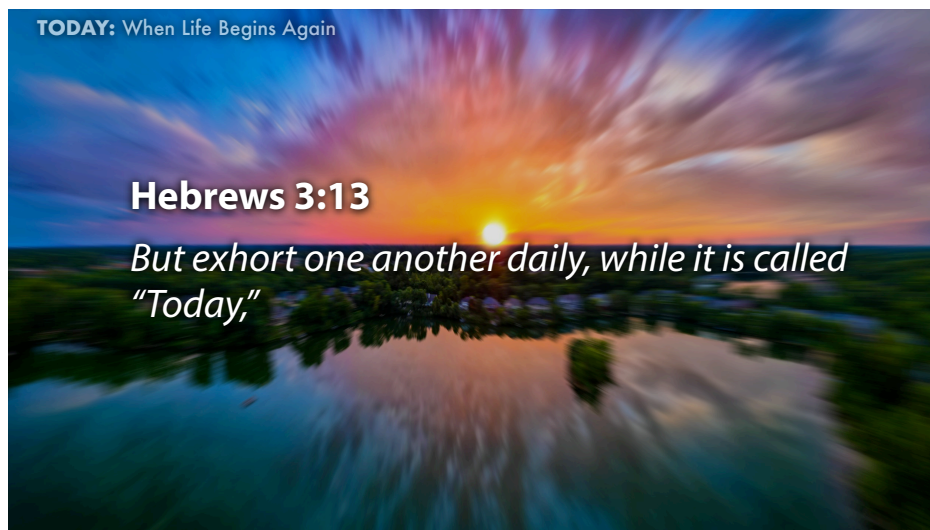
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2 Corinthians 4:16 (Amplified Bible)

*Therefore we do not become discouraged [spiritless, disappointed, or afraid]. Though **our outer self** is [progressively] wasting away, yet **our inner self** is being [progressively] renewed day by day.*



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Hebrews 3:13

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

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"Change your life today. Don't gamble on the future, act now, without delay."

~ Simone de Beauvoir

"If you fell down yesterday, stand up today." ~ H. G. Wells

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."

~ H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

"Live today. Not yesterday. Not tomorrow. Just today. Inhabit your moments. Don't rent them out to tomorrow." ~ Jerry Spinelli

"Today is a new day. Don't let your history interfere with your destiny!" ~ Steve Maraboli

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We are dealing two realities:

1. Outward - Perishing

2. Inward - Renewing

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KEY POINT

One of the reasons for TODAY is this:

Today is when life begins again!

"Renewed day by day..."

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The renewal you experience TODAY helps you in your circumstances

Exodus 14:13, And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you **today**." 14] For the Egyptians whom you see **today**, you shall see again no more forever. The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace. 15] And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? **Tell the children of Israel to go forward.**

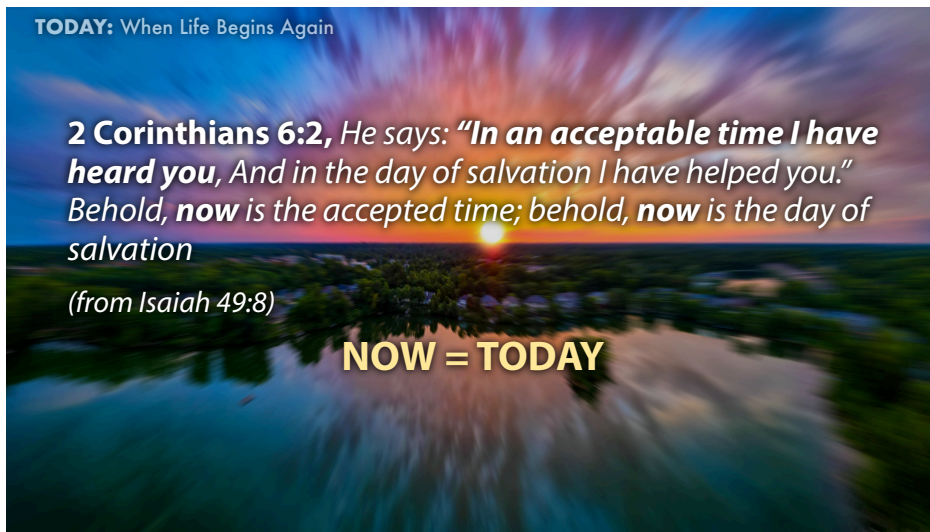


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Hebrews 3:25, Remember what it says: **"Today** when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled."

"TODAY" is the time to hear God's instruction, because yesterday has passed and tomorrow is not promised.

This is the danger of procrastination, saying "No" or "Wait" to God.



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2 Corinthians 6:2, He says: **"In an acceptable time I have heard you**, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, **now** is the accepted time; behold, **now** is the day of salvation

(from Isaiah 49:8)

NOW = TODAY



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TODAY is the only time that matters
(And that will be true tomorrow)



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Many factors resist our awareness 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.



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Why the Book of Deuteronomy was important to Israel...

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Deuteronomy, the final book in the Pentateuch, contains Moses' last three sermons and two prophetic poems about Israel's future.

Reflecting on the nation's past mistakes, Moses urges the people **not to repeat those errors** when they enter the Promised Land.

(<https://www.esv.org/resources/esv-global-study-bible/introduction-to-deuteronomy/>)

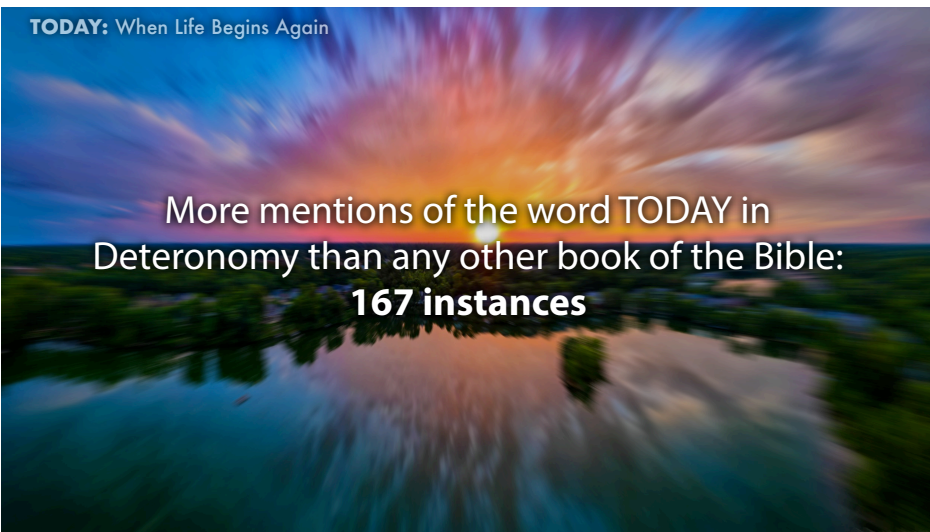
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One of the keys words used by Moses in Deuteronomy is: **TODAY**

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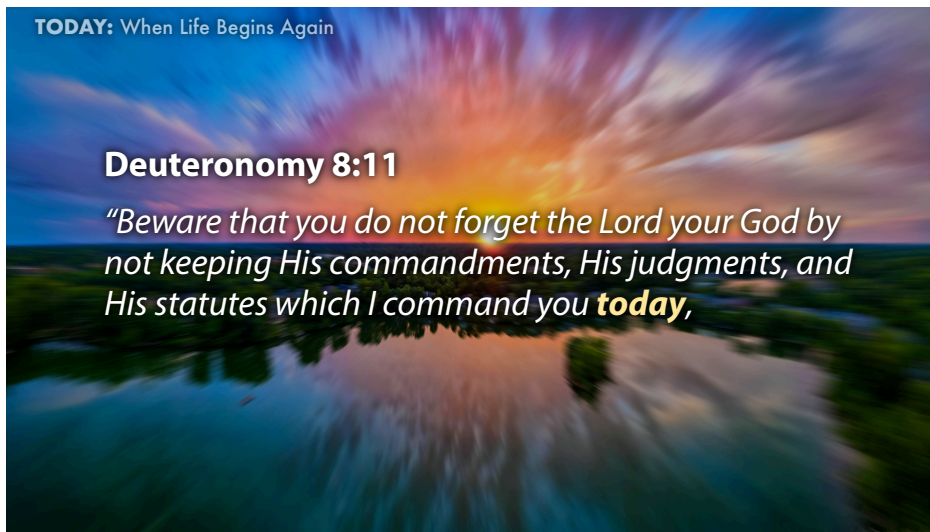
What is sometimes missing in our instruction, or in the response of hearers, is **the urgency of now or TODAY** as it relates to doing God's will.

Israel had to be re-trained to respond to God TODAY, and not dwell on the past



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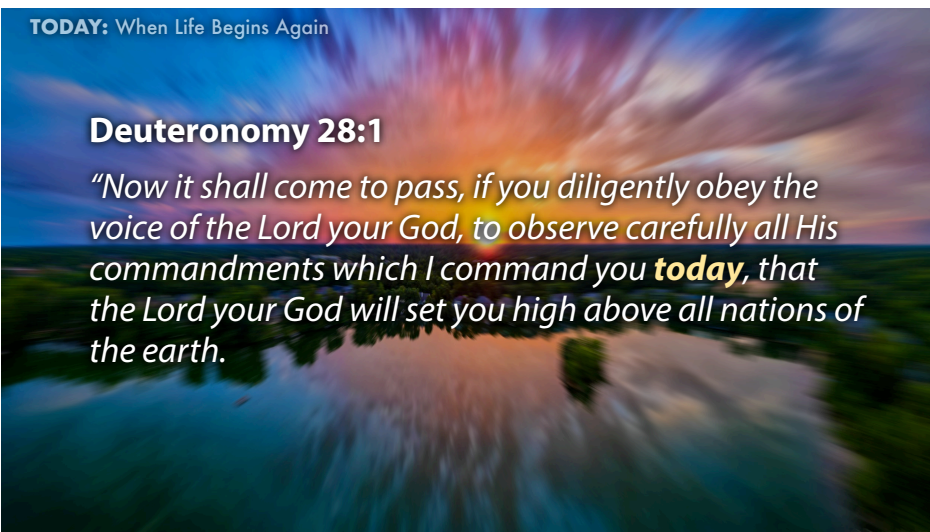
More mentions of the word TODAY in
Deteronomy than any other book of the Bible:
167 instances



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Deuteronomy 8:11

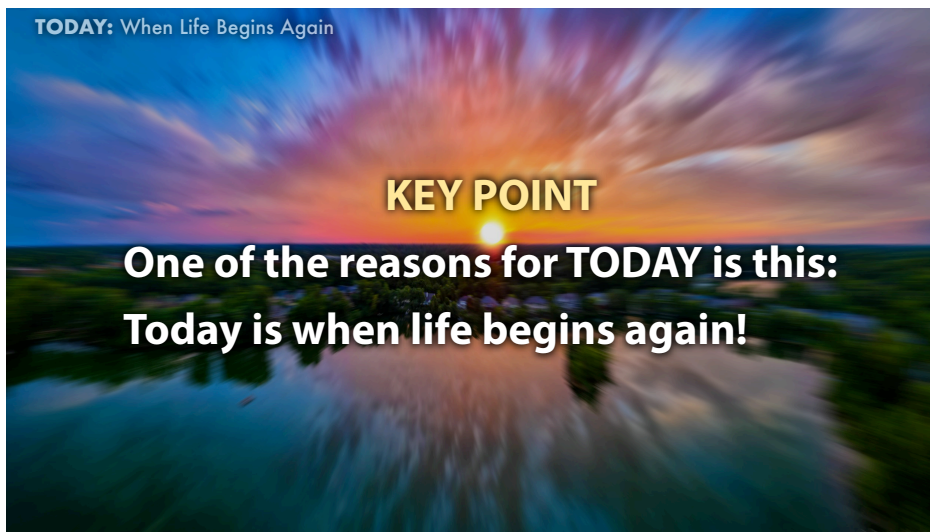
*"Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by
not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and
His statutes which I command you **today**,*



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Deuteronomy 28:1

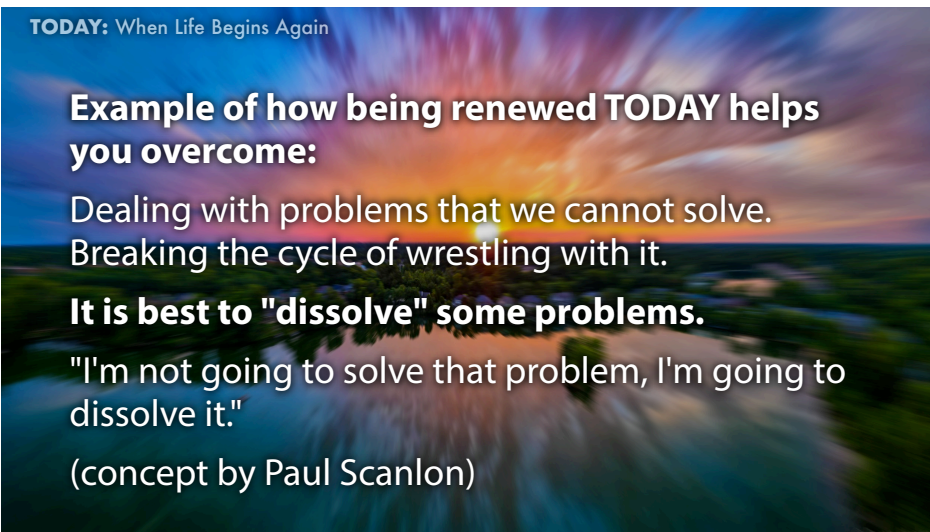
*"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the
voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His
commandments which I command you **today**, that
the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of
the earth.*



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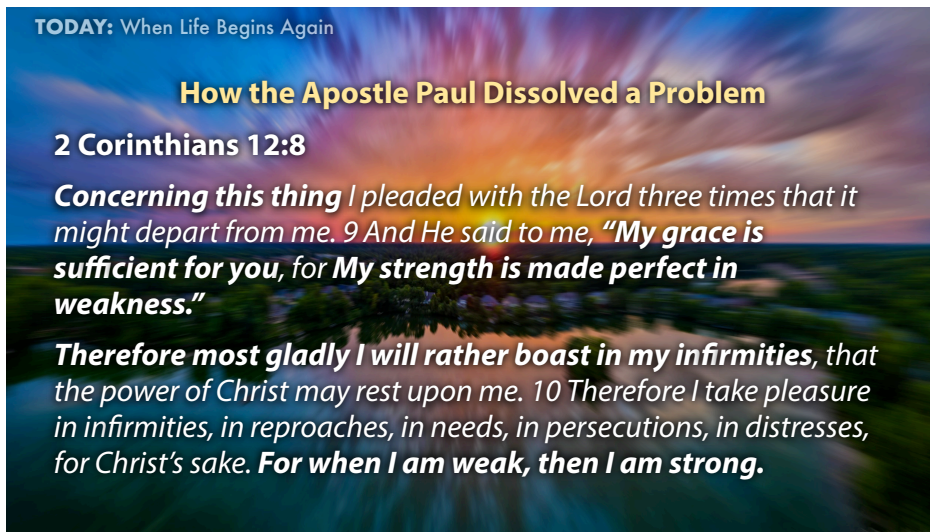
Example of how being renewed TODAY helps you overcome:

Dealing with problems that we cannot solve.
Breaking the cycle of wrestling with it.

It is best to "dissolve" some problems.

"I'm not going to solve that problem, I'm going to dissolve it."

(concept by Paul Scanlon)



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How the Apostle Paul Dissolved a Problem

2 Corinthians 12:8

*Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, **"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."***

*Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.***



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