

New Beginnings

John Pierport Morgan, the founder of what is today JPMorgan Chase, once said that "The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide that you are not going to stay where you are."

The past year has been difficult for many. The economic challenges have turned many families upside down and have left many reassessing their life goals, past decisions and future choices. We often learn the most and decide what is most important during challenging times. The past year has also shown how quickly things can change.

As we enter this new spring season and with Easter just upon us, we would like to encourage everyone to think about new beginnings. Not only in terms of career choices, retirement and financial planning, education for children, etc., but also in terms of your family. All of us have areas where we can improve and need healing. Think about ways that you can create a new beginning by showing more love, kindness, patience, and humility in your relationship with your spouse and your children. Do you have anything that you need to seek forgiveness for, or maybe offer forgiveness to others? Do you need to rethink your personal and family goals and establish a renewed focus on a guiding purpose in your life? Are there new ways that you can celebrate your family and show them how much they mean to you? How about the amount of quality time spent in fellowship with your spouse and children?

Whether your marriage is struggling or stronger than ever, remember that nothing ever grows by staying the same. Every day we must decide that we are not going to stay where we are. We pray that the love of Christ gives you strength.

Blessings,

Brian and Trudy

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

- 2 Corinthians 5:17