



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“In life, there are no redos but with God there are second changes.”

## A Second, Third, and Even More Chances

USS William D. Parter (DD-579) was a ship of the US Navy during WWII. The Fletcher-class destroyer was commissioned on July 6, 1943. After completing post shakedown repairs and conducting battle practice, on November 12, the ship departed Norfolk to rendezvous with USS Iowa. A convey was carrying President Franklin D Roosevelt to North Africa for the Tehran Conferences.

While departing Norfolk, her anchor tore the railing and lifeboat mounts off a docked destroyer. “The next day, a [depth charge](#) from the deck of William D. Porter fell into the rough sea and exploded, causing Iowa and the other escort ships to take evasive maneuvers under the assumption that the task force had come under torpedo attack by a German [U-boat](#)...Then USS William D. Porter experienced a boiler tube failure on #3 boiler causing the ship to fall out of position in the formation until number 4 boiler was brought online.”<sup>1</sup>

On 14 November, at Roosevelt's request, Iowa conducted an anti-aircraft drill to demonstrate her ability to defend herself. Porter, along with the other escort ships, also demonstrated a torpedo drill by simulating a launch at Iowa. This drill suddenly went awry when a live torpedo discharged from mount #2 aboard USS William D. Porter and headed straight towards Iowa. The ship attempted to signal Iowa about the incoming torpedo using signal lamps but relayed the wrong message. The USS Iowa turned hard to avoid being hit by the torpedo. Following these events, the ship and her crew were ordered to Bermuda for an inquiry into the Iowa affair. Roosevelt intervened in the case and pardoned the crew, as the incident had been an accident. The crew and ship were later involved in several battles. It fell victim to a kamikaze attack on June 10, 1945. Miraculously, her crew suffered no fatal injuries. The ship did receive four battle stars for her service.<sup>2</sup>

When I accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior, I confessed my sins, and all things became new. However, I still had my old nature which war against me and God. I will not become sinless until I reach heaven. I confess my sins of commission and omission daily to the Lord. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” I John 1:9 He not only forgives, pardons, cleanses but also forgets. When I say, “Lord, I am sorry I did it again.” He replies, “Did what again?” “Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.” Heb 10:17

Just like President Roosevelt gave the crew a second and third chance, our Lord will do the same for you. It does not matter what you did or who you are, to God you are not a loser or ship wreck. He not only gives you a second chance with salvation, but He will never give up on you. There are many great people in the Bible who God gave several chances: Jonah in the whale, King David with Bathsheba, Abraham and Hagar, Peter denied the Lord three times, Saul of Tarsus.



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God has a bad memory when  
it comes to our confessed sin.

THANK YOU LORD  
FOR GIVING ME  
~~A SECOND~~ MANY  
CHANCES.

<sup>1,2</sup> [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_William\\_D.\\_Porter\\_\(DD-579\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_William_D._Porter_(DD-579))

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