

# WHEN YOU NEED A FRESH START

The Awesome Power of Vision – Part 2

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God: “. . . I'll save the people of Joseph. I know their pain and I'll make them as good as new. They'll get a FRESH START, as if nothing had ever happened! Why? Because I am their God, and I'll do what needs to be done for them.”  
Zech. 10:6 (MES)

God: “I will make a FRESH START with Israel. They will burst into bloom like a crocus in the spring.”  
Hosea 14:5b (MES)

“God gives a hand to those down on their luck, and he gives a FRESH START to those who are ready to quit.”  
Psalm 145:14 (MES)

## SIMPLE STEPS TO A FRESH S.T.A.R.T.

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**Excuse 1:** \_\_\_\_\_  
“Then Gideon started making excuses: He said ‘But Lord, how can I save the nation of Israel? I belong to Manasseh, the smallest tribe, and my family is the weakest and poorest family in the tribe. And, I am the youngest and least important person in my family!’ Then the Lord replied, ‘But I will be with you.’”  
Judges 6:15-16a

**Excuse 2:** \_\_\_\_\_  
“The Lord says this: ‘Do not cling to events of the past and do not dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new thing I am going to do! It is happening already. Just look and you can see it starting now!’”  
Isaiah 43:18-19a (TEV)

“A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance.”  
Prov. 28:13 (LB)

**Excuse 3:** \_\_\_\_\_  
“Don't give up and act helpless in times of trouble.”  
Prov. 24:10 (CEV)

**Excuse 4:** \_\_\_\_\_  
“If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.”  
Eccl. 11:4 (LB)

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**ASK:** \_\_\_\_\_  
“You have everything when you have Christ, and you are filled with God through your union with Christ. He's the highest Ruler, with authority over every other power.”  
Col. 2:10 (LB)

**ASK:** \_\_\_\_\_  
“You have experienced many things. Were all those experiences wasted? I hope not!”  
Gal. 3:4 (ICB)

“You should continue following the teachings you learned. You know they are true, because you trust those who taught you.”  
2 Tim. 3:14 (NCV)

**ASK:** \_\_\_\_\_  
“Get all the advice you can and you'll succeed; without it you'll fail.”  
Prov. 15:22 (TEV)

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“According to your faith will it be done to you.”  
Matt. 9:29b (NIV)

“We should make plans – counting on God to direct us.”  
Prov. 16:9 (LB)

“Without faith it is impossible to please God.” Heb. 11:6a (NIV)

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“Be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind, having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude.”  
Eph. 4:23 (Amp)

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“Happy are those who . . . are always meditating on God's Word. . . . They are like trees along a river . . . that do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do.”  
Psalm 1:1-3 (TEV)

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“Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.”  
Prov 4:23 (TEV)

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“When the clay pot that the potter was forming on the wheel didn't turn out the way he intended, he simply started over, using the same clay to make a new pot.”  
Jer. 18:4

“Then God said to Jeremiah, ‘Can I not do with you as the potter does? Just as the potter works the clay in his hand, so are you in my hand and I am working on you.’”  
Jer. 18:5-6

“When anyone becomes united with Christ, he becomes a new person inside. He is not the same anymore. The old life is gone and a fresh new life has begun!”  
2 Cor. 5:17

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