HOW TO MAKE A FRESH START
Preparing for the New Year
Isaiah 43:18-19 (NCV)

“Would like to have a fresh start in your Christian life?”

John 10:10 Jesus said, “I am come that you might have life and have it more abundantly.”

Isaiah 43:18 “The Lord says, ‘Forget about what has happened before. Do not think about the past. Instead, look at the new things I’m going to do.’”

“How To Make a Fresh Start?”

S.T.A.R.T.

S – Stop making excuses.

Proverbs 28:13 “A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confess and forsakes them he gets another chance.”
1) The number one reason we fail in life is we don’t prepare ourselves for the problems that we will face in life.

Proverbs 20:7 "A sensible man watches for problems and prepares to meet them but the fool never looks ahead and suffers the consequences."

2) Because we don’t listen to others.

Proverbs 15: “Plans fail without good advise.”
Ego stands for "Edging God Out."
"Pride always leads to destruction."

We fail to prepare and we fail to listen to other people and we fail as a result.

3) We give up too soon. These are the three greatest causes for failure. We give up too soon.

Proverbs 24:10 "If you give up when troubles come, it just shows that you are weak."

So "S" in START stands for Stop making excuses.
T - Take An Inventory Of My Life

Galatians 3:4 "You have experienced many things. Were all those experiences wasted? I hope not."

There are four kinds of experiences that God uses to shape our lives.

1) He uses personal experiences.
2) He uses vocational and educational experiences to shape you.
3) He uses spiritual experiences to shape you,
4) He uses painful experiences to shape you.

Self-Inventory

1) What have I learned?
2) What are my assets?
3) Who can help me?

A - Act in faith

Matthew 9. “According to your faith it will be done to you.”
Acts 3:1-5 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. 2And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; 3Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. 4And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. 5And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

Proverbs 29:25 "Being afraid of people can get you into trouble

R - Refocus

Proverbs 4:23 "Be careful how you think. Your life is shaped by your thoughts."

Romans 12:2 “ Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. ”

How do you do that?

1)First, confession.

2)What’s the best thing to focus on? God’s word.
Psalm 1 “Happy are those who are always meditating on God’s word. They’re like trees along a river that do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do. ”

T – Trust

Giving God control of my life.

Zechariah 4:6 “ You will not succeed by your own strength or power but by My Spirit, says the Lord. ”

· Stop making excuse
· Take an inventory of my life
· Act in faith
· Refocus my thoughts
· Trust God