

WHEN YOU NEED A FRESH START

The Awesome Power of Vision – Rick Warren
Parts 1-2

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." Zechariah 10:6 (The Message)

God: "I will make a FRESH START with Israel. They will burst into bloom like a crocus in the spring." Hosea 14:5 (The Message)

"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 (The Message)

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

S

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 6:15-16

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 43:18-19 (GNT)

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

EXCUSE 3:

"Don't give up and act helpless in times of trouble." Proverbs 24:10 (CEV)

EXCUSE 4:

"If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done."
Ecclesiastes 11:4 (TLB)

T

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."
Colossians 2:10 (TLB)

ASK:

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

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

ASK:

"Get all the advice you can and you'll succeed; without it you'll fail."
Proverbs 15:22 (GNT)

A

"According to your faith will it be done to you." Matthew 9:29 (NIV)

"We should make plans—counting on God to direct us." Proverbs 16:9 (TLB)

"Without faith it is impossible to please God." Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

R

"Be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind, having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude." Ephesians 4:23 (AMP)

- "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 (GNT)

- "Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts."
Proverbs 4:23 (GNT)

T

"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."
Jeremiah 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.'"
Jeremiah 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 Corinthians 5:17

Next Step

Visit PastorRick.com for more Bible teaching and
to sign up for the daily devotional.