

TAKING THE INITIATIVE

50 Days of Faith
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“God gives a fresh start to those ready to quit.” Psalm 145:14 (MSG)

HOW TO MAKE A FRESH START WITH FAITH

Mark 10:46-52

1. SEIZE

“As Jesus . . . left town, a great crowd was following. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus was sitting beside the road as Jesus was going by. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was nearby, he began to shout, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Mark 10:46-47 (NLT)

“Jesus said, ‘No procrastination! No backward looks. You can’t put off God’s kingdom till tomorrow. Seize the day!’” Luke 9:62 (MSG)

2. TAME

“Many of the people scolded him and told him to be quiet. But he shouted even more loudly, ‘Have mercy on me!’” Mark 10:48 (GNT)

“The fear of human opinion disables you: trusting in God protects you from that.” Proverbs 29:25 (MSG)

3. ANNOUNCE

“Jesus asked him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man answered, ‘Teacher, I want to see.’” Mark 10:51 (NCV)

“You ought to say, ‘If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.’” James 4:15 (NIV)

“Your baptism in Christ was not just washing you up for a fresh start. It also involved dressing you in an adult faith wardrobe—Christ’s life, the fulfillment of God’s original promise.” Galatians 3:27 (MSG)

4. RECEIVE

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way: your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he regained his sight.” Mark 10:52 (NASB)

“From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another.” John 1:16 (NIV)

“That’s why faith is the key! God’s promise is given to us as a free gift.” Romans 4:16 (NLT)

5. TAKE

“He regained his sight and began following Jesus on the road.” Mark 10:52 (NASB)

“If people say they have faith, but do nothing, their faith is worth nothing.” James 2:14 (NCV)

“Everything that we have—right thinking, right living, a clean slate, and a fresh start—comes from God by way of Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 1:30 (MSG)

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