

Taking The Initiative

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(God) gives a fresh start to those who are ready to quit.
Psalm 145:14b MSG

How to Make a Fresh S.T.A.R.T.

1. Seize the moment.

Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus... was sitting beside the road. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"
Mark 10:46-47 NLT

2. Tame your fear.

Many of the people scolded him and told him to be quiet. But he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"
Mark 10:48 GNT

3. Announce your faith.

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

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.
Galatians 3:26-27 NLT

4. Receive God's grace.

Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." And immediately he regained his sight.
Mark 10:52 NASB

Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.
John 1:16 NIV

5. Take the next step.

Immediately he regained his sight and began following (Jesus) on the road.
Mark 10:52b NASB

If people say they have faith, but do nothing, their faith is worth nothing . . .
James 2:14b NCV

Everything that we have—right thinking and right living, a clean slate and a fresh start—comes from God . . .
1 Corinthians 1:30b MSG

Weekend Music:

Same God (Elevation Worship) • Oh The Cross (UPPERROOM)
We Praise You (Matt Redman) • Rest On Us (UPPERROOM) • Glorious Day (Passion)