

## **Fresh Start**

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3 8 10 My 2022 was... Very Challenging! Best Year Ever! The Ultimate Fresh Start: 2 Corinthians 5:17 New \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 5:5; Philippians 2:13 New John 1:12; Galatians 3:26, 4:5-7; Ephesians 2:2-3 1 Peter 1:3-4 After experiencing the Ultimate Fresh Start, we often need to hit the \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 12:2 Generally speaking, spiritual growth occurs... As we intentionally choose to \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ **Activities that fuel spiritual growth:** □ I regularly **read** my Bible and **pray** Psalm 119:105; Peter 2:2; Jude 20 □ I worship at Hope on the Sundays I am in town John 4:26; Acts 20:7 ☐ I actively **participate** in a Hope Group Hebrews 10:24-25 1 Peter 4:10-11 I **serve** on a ministry team at Hope ☐ I regularly **pray** for and **invite** friends and others to Hope 1 Corinthians 14:24-25 □ I **give** a regular offering in a God-honoring way at Hope 1 Corinthians 16:2

# WHAT WILL HAPPEN TODAY?

□ | obey—| do the next right thing—asking: What is my \_\_\_\_\_? Galatians 5:25



We will sing a few songs

---Online Notes



A host will say "Hello"



You will hear an encouraging message

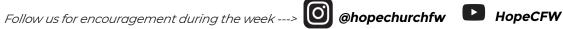


We will sing some more



We will receive an offering









### **Simple Prayer of Commitment:**

"Dear Jesus, thank you for making me and loving me, even when I've ignored you and gone my own way. I know I need you in my life, and I realize I have rebelled against you. I ask you to forgive me. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Please help me to understand it more. As much as I know how, I want to follow you from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept your gift of salvation. Please help me to grow now as a Christian."

#### **Recommended Resources:**

30 Days to Growing in Your Faith by Max Anders (317 pages)

What You Need to Know About Spiritual Growth by Max Anders (192 pages)

Bible in a Jar - Available at the Hope Church Welcome Center

Refocus on My Prayers Sermon

Abide Sermon Series

The Christian Life in a Thousand Words by Max Anders



#### **Memory Verse**

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.

The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

#### My Next Steps:

- o I'll memorize 2 Corinthians 5:17
- o Today, for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!
- o I'll ask the Lord to help me get the answers to my honest questions.
- o I'll choose 1-2 Key Activities to focus on in the first quarter of 2023.
- o I'll attend ntLIVE on Saturday, January 28th, 9am to 12pm
- o I'll pray for and give to this year's Christmas Offering

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