

“HOW TO MAKE A FRESH START”

Mark 10:46-52

“God gives a fresh start to those ready to quit”
Psalms 145: 14 (Msg)

1. Seize the moment.

“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 your fear.

“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 (GN)

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

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 (NVC)

“You ought to say, ‘If it is the Lord’s will, we will 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 wardrobe—Christ’s life, the fulfillment of God’s original promise.”
Galatians 3: 27 (Msg)

4. Receive God’s grace.

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; **Your faith** has made you Well.’ And immediately he regained his sight...”
Mark 10: 52a (NAS)

“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: 16a (NLT)

5. Take the next step.

“...he regained his sight and **began following Jesus on the road.**”
Mark 10: 52b (NAS)

“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)