

**WHEN YOU NEED A FRESH START**

The Awesome Power of Vision – Part 2

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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 (MSG)

God: “I will make a FRESH START with Israel. They will burst into bloom like a crocus in the spring.”

- Hosea 14:5b (MSG)

“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 (MSG)

**SIMPLE STEPS TO A FRESH S.T.A.R.T.****STOP MAKING \_\_\_\_\_ FOR NOT STARTING****Excuse 1: I don't have what it takes**

“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 6:15-16a

**Excuse 2: I've failed in the past**

“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 43:18-19a (TEV)

“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 (LB)

**Excuse 3: There are things I can't control**

“Don't give up and act helpless in times of trouble.”

- Proverbs 24:10 (CEV)

**Excuse 4: I don't know what the future holds**

“If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.”

- Ecclesiastes 11:4 (LB)

**TAKE STOCK OF WHAT I \_\_\_\_\_****ASK: What are my assets?**

“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 (LB)

**ASK: What have I learned?**

“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: Who could help me?**

“Get all the advice you can and you'll succeed; without it you'll fail.”

- Proverbs 15:22 (TEV)

**ACT IN \_\_\_\_\_**

“According to your faith will it be done to you.”

- Matthew 9:29b (NIV)

“We should make plans – counting on God to direct us.”

- Proverbs 16:9 (LB)

“Without faith it is impossible to please God.”

- Hebrews 11:6a (NIV)

**REFOCUS MY \_\_\_\_\_**

“Be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind, having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude.”

- Ephesians 4:23 (Amp)

- **Listen More to God's Word than the World**

“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 (TEV)

- **Think about what I think about**

“Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.”

- Proverbs 4:23 (TEV)

**TRUST THAT GOD KNOWS WHAT HE'S \_\_\_\_\_**

“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

**當你需要新的開始時**

異象的偉大力量 -- 第二部  
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上帝：“…我要拯救約瑟的子民，我知道他們的痛苦，也會使它們完好如新。他們會得到新的開始，彷彿甚麼事情也沒發生過。為甚麼？因為我是他們的上帝，而我會為他們做該做的事。”  
- 撒迦利亞書 10:6 (信息版意譯)

上帝：“我會與以色列重新開始，他們會像春天的花一樣綻放。”  
- 何西阿書 14:5 下 (信息版意譯)

“上帝扶持那些患難的人，賜下新的開始，給那些準備放棄的人。”  
- 詩篇 145:14 (信息版意譯)

**簡單的步驟來得到新的開始 (S.T.A.R.T.)****S - 別再為不開始行動找\_\_\_\_\_****第一個藉口：我沒有本事**

“基甸說：「可是主啊，我怎麼能拯救以色列呢？我的宗族在整個瑪拿西支派中是最弱小的，在我整個家族中我是最微不足道的！」上主對他說：「我必定與你同在。」”  
- 士師記 6:15-16 上 (新普及譯本)

**第二個藉口：我曾經失敗過**

“上主說：「不要老記著往事；不要沉湎在回憶中。看哪，我要有新的作為，事情已經發生，你們看得見它正在開始！」” - 以賽亞書 43:18-19 上 (現中修訂版/TEV 意譯)

“遮掩自己過犯的，必不亨通；承認並離棄過犯的，會得到另一次機會。”  
- 箴言 28:13 (新譯本/Living Bible 意譯)

**第三個藉口：有些事情我是無法控制的**

“不要遇到逆境就灰心喪膽。” - 箴言 24:10 (CEV 意譯)

**第四個藉口：我不知道未來會怎樣**

“如果你等待完美的條件，你將永遠一事無成。” - 傳道書 11:4 (Living Bible 意譯)

**T - 數算我所\_\_\_\_\_的****問：我擁有甚麼資產？**

“你有了基督，你就擁有了一切。你有了基督，你就擁有了一切。你們藉着跟基督聯合，也得以完全了。基督是所有統治者和掌權者的元首。”  
- 歌羅西書 2:10 (Living Bible 意譯/新普及譯本)

**問：我學到了甚麼？**

“你們以往一切的經驗是徒然的嗎？絕對不是！” - 加拉太書 3:4 (現中修訂版)

“你必須忠於所受的教導。你曉得那些都是真理，因為你知道那些教導你的人是值得信賴的。”  
- 提摩太後書 3:14 (新普及譯本)

**問：誰能幫助我？**

“集思廣益，事必有成；不加籌劃，事必失敗。” - 箴言 15:22 (現中修訂版)

**A-憑\_\_\_\_\_行事**

“照你們的信心給你們成就吧。” - 馬太福音 9:29 下 (新譯本)

“我們應當訂立自己的計劃，並指望上帝會引導我們。”  
- 箴言 16:9 (Living Bible 意譯)

“沒有信心就不可能討上帝的喜悅。” - 希伯來書 11:6 上 (新普及譯本)

**R-重新專注我的\_\_\_\_\_**

“你們要常常把心靈更換一新，有新的思想心態，和新的屬靈心態。”  
- 以弗所書 4:23 (Amp 意譯)

**• 多點聆聽上帝的話語，而不是世界的說話**

“有福的人…晝夜默誦的也是耶和華的律法。他像一棵樹，栽在溪水旁…總不枯乾；他所作的一切，盡都順利。”  
- 詩篇 1:1-3 (新譯本)

**• 反思自己的想法**

“所思所想要謹慎，因為生命是由思想定型的。” - 箴言 4:23 (現中修訂版)

**T - 信靠上帝知道祂在\_\_\_\_\_**

“當陶匠在輪盤上製造的陶器，不如他所願，他就重新開始，用那塊黏土做成新的器皿。”  
- 耶利米書 18:4 (意譯)

“後來，上主又對我說：「難道我不能像陶匠那樣對待你嗎？你在我手中，就像黏土在陶匠手中，而我正在塑造你。」”  
- 耶利米書 18:5-6 (意譯)

“若有人與基督連結起來，他內裏就成為一個新的人，舊生命過去了，新生命已經開始！”  
- 哥林多後書 5:17 (Living Bible 意譯)