

Scriptures: Acts 2:2-8, Isaiah 43:18-19

Title: New Beginnings (Fresh Start)

Introduction: The good news this morning is from Acts 2:2-8 and Isaiah 43:18. When the nation of Israel was facing an attack from the surrounding enemies, they could remember past deliverances and past victories. They could remember the former things, but they couldn't see their future. That is why God said in Isaiah 43:18-19; "Forget the past, I'm going to do something new..."

The formula of how to make a FRESH START (New beginning) is S.T.A.R.T.

1. S - Stop Making Excuses.

Proverbs 28:13 "A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance."

2. T - Take An Inventory Of My Life.

Galatians 3:4 "You have experienced many things. Were all those experiences wasted? I hope not."

3. A - Act in Faith.

"According to your faith, it will be done to you." (Matthew 9:29)

By faith Peter healed a lame beggar. His feet and ankles became strong, and he jump to his feet and praising God (Acts 3:1-6)

4. R – Refocus.

I need to refocus my thoughts if I want a fresh start.

"Be careful how you think. Your life is shaped by your thoughts." (Proverbs 4:23 TEV).

5. T – Trust.

"You will not succeed by your own strength or power but by My Spirit, says the LORD". Zechariah 4:6

Conclusion: How can I have a fresh start? I can have a fresh start by:

- Stop making excuses
- Take an inventory of my life
- Act in faith
- Refocus my thoughts
- Trust God