

# HOW TO HAVE A FRESH START

## Take The Next Step – Part 1

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**Luke 5:32 (MSG)** *“I’m here **inviting outsiders**, not insiders—an invitation to a **changed life**, changed inside and out.”*

#### 1. OPEN YOUR MIND TO GOD'S POWER

**Romans 12:2a (NLT)** *“...Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.”*

**Ephesians 1:19-20a (TLB)** *“I pray that you will **begin to understand how incredibly great His power is** to help those who believe Him. It is that same mighty power<sup>20</sup> that raised Christ from the dead...”*

#### 2. OPEN YOUR HEART TO GOD'S GRACE

**Ephesians 1:8 (TLB)** *“He (God) has **showered down upon us the richness of His grace**--for how well He understands us and knows what is best for us at all times.”*

**Romans 3:22 (TLB)** *“God says He will accept and acquit us--declare us ‘not guilty’--if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like.”*

**James 4:6b-8a (MSG)** *“God gives grace to the willing humble.<sup>7</sup> So let God work his will in you...<sup>8</sup> Say a quiet yes to God and he'll be there in no time.”*

#### 3. OPEN YOUR LIFE TO GOD'S LOVE

**Ephesians 3:17-18a (TLB)** *“And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in Him...<sup>18</sup> and may you be able to **feel and understand**, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high His love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves...”*

**Romans 5:2a (MSG)** *“We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that He has already thrown open His door to us...”*

**WOULDN'T YOU LIKE A FRESH START WITH GOD?**