

Sermon Notes for December 5, 2021

WHEN YOU NEED A FRESH START – Zech. 10:6

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⁶ "I'll put muscle in the people of Judah; I'll save the people of Joseph. I know their pain and will make them good as new. They'll get a fresh start, as if nothing had ever happened. And why? Because I am their very own GOD, I'll do what needs to be done for them. **Zechariah 10:6 (MSG)**

⁵ I will make a fresh start with Israel. He'll burst into bloom like a crocus in the spring. He'll put down deep oak tree roots, **Hosea 14:5 (MSG)**

¹⁴ He helps those who are in trouble; he lifts those who have fallen. **Psalms 145:14 (TEV)**

5 STEPS TO A FRESH S.T.A.R.T.

S – STOP _____

- **Excuse 1: I don't _____ what it _____**

¹⁵ "But Lord," Gideon asked, "how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." ¹⁶ The LORD answered, "I will be with you, ..." **Judges 6:15-16a (NIV)**

- **Excuse 2: I have _____ in the past**

¹⁸ But the LORD says, "Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. ¹⁹ Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already—you can see it now! **Isaiah 43:18-19a (TEV)**

- **Excuse 3: There are _____ out of my _____**

¹⁰ If you give up when trouble comes, it shows that you are weak. **Proverbs 24:10 (NCV)**

- **Excuse 4: I don't know what the _____**

⁴ If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done. **Ecclesiastes 11:4 (TLB)**

T - TAKE _____ OF WHAT I _____

- **ASK: What are my _____?**

¹⁰ so you have everything when you have Christ, and you are filled with God through your union with Christ. He is the highest Ruler, with authority over every other power. **Colossians 2:10 (TLB)**

- **ASK: What have I _____?**

⁴ Have you experienced so much for nothing? Surely it was not in vain, was it? **Galatians 3:4 (NLT2)**

- **ASK: Who could help me?**

²² Get all the advice you can, and you will succeed; without it you will fail. **Proverbs 15:22 (TEV)**

A – ACT IN _____

²⁹ Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you"; **Matthew 9:29 (NIV)**

⁹ We should make plans—counting on God to direct us. **Proverbs 16:9 (TLB)**

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. **Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)**

R – REFOCUS MY _____

²³ And 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 _____ than to the world**

¹ Happy are those who reject the advice of evil people, who do not follow the example of sinners or join those who have no use for God. ² Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the LORD, and they study it day and night. ³ They are like trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do. **Psalms 1:1-3 (TEV)**

- **_____ about what I _____ about**

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

T – TRUST GOD _____ WHAT HE IS _____

⁴ But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so he crushed it into a lump of clay again and started over. **Jeremiah 18:4 (NLT2)**

⁵ Then the LORD gave me this message: ⁶ "O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand. **Jeremiah 18:5-6 (NLT2)**

¹⁷ 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 (NLT2)**