# Fresh Starts, New Beginnings, Clean Slates Isaiah 43:18-19

"Can we just have a "DO OVER?"

God is FAR MORE Interested in my FUTURE than He is with my PAST.

Using the word S.T.A.R.T., let's see How WE can Have a "Fresh <u>Start</u>, a New <u>Beginning</u> & a Clean <u>Slate</u>."

# 1. S - STOP MAKING EXCUSES

- The <u>ONLY Person</u> that can <u>RUIN</u> my Life is <u>ME</u>...
- You're NEVER a <u>Failure</u> UNTIL you <u>Give Up</u>.
- "People who are good at Making Excuses are Rarely Good at anything else."

# 2. T – TAKE INVENTORY OF MY FAILURES

- FAILURE can be either a FRIEND or a FOE.
- What have I LEARNED?
- What are my ASSETS?
- Who can HELP ME?

#### 3. A - ACT IN FAITH

- The **Key to <u>Changing</u> anything is FAITH...<u>ACTIVE</u> <u>Faith</u>. (Matthew 9:27-29)**
- "You don't get what you WANT, you get what you EXPECT & ACCEPT" Saban
- If you ACT in Faith, you WILL DO something. (Acts 3:1-6)

## 4. R - REFOCUS MY THOUGHTS

- I need to **RETHINK** the way I **THINK**.
- The Way you <u>THINK</u>, determines the Way you <u>FEEL</u> & the Way you <u>FEEL</u> determines the Way you <u>ACT</u>. (Romans 12:2)
- What Thoughts are you still Rehearsing that keep you from a Fresh Start?

### 5. T - TRUST GOD FOR SUCCESS

- We **Don't Need to Depend** on our **OWN Feeble Abilities**.
- Insanity DOING the Same Thing over & over but EXPECTING Different Results.
- <u>Success</u> in Christian life is <u>NOT ME</u> Trying Harder, its Giving <u>GOD</u> Control of my life. (Zechariah 4:6)
- God says, "I don't want you to Turn Over a New Leaf... I want to GIVE you a whole

# NEW LIFE."