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A FRESH START

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

Isaiah 43:16-21

ADDITIONAL STUDY

Genesis 26:12-22, Isaiah 65:17 (MSG),
& Luke 5:36-38 (NASB)

PRAYER POINTS

- + Thank God for a fresh start and for new opportunities available to you.
- + Declare that the affliction of starting something and not seeing the fruits of it will not arise again in your life.
- + Pray that your present results will swallow up your past miracles; and you will keep going from glory to glory as time goes by.

“Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:18-19

There is nothing like beginning something you have always dreamt about. God loves beginnings, because beginnings speak of faith- a journey into the unknown, because you must conquer the fear of ‘what if it goes wrong’ before you begin anything. It is still early in the year, and you could be considering having a fresh start in some areas of your life because you want to move to a better level or want a totally new experience in those areas.

It is possible that you may have started things (projects, businesses, relationships, jobs, investments etc.) in the past that didn’t quite take off fully or turn out as expected, so you might be feeling a bit jittery to start again. It is for such reasons that the promise of a new thing was given in our text. God knows that you are likely to feel discouraged when your plans don’t work out exactly as you planned, so He prescribed a solution for such a situation, which is: ‘forget what didn’t work well the last time and look towards the new possibilities that I can make happen for you.’ God is never stagnant; He is a progressive God that is why He doesn’t want you to live in your past defeat. He wants your life to become more glorious with each day that passes. Hence, the promise of a new thing – a fresh start. However, to fully embrace the new thing that God is set to do in your life, you have to consciously leave the past behind like Apostle Paul did in Philippians 3:13. God’s power is inexhaustible; by that power He made a way in the sea and produced water in the wilderness for the Israelites; that same power is capable of elevating you to a better level. Perhaps for you, everything you started went according to your expectation and you are satisfied with yesterday’s glory that you have stopped reaching out to receive today’s opportunities. Yes, be grateful for God’s goodness to you in the past, but don’t camp there because there is still much more God can do for you. God wants you to know that whatever He has done for you up to this point is now in the past. This suggests that He plans to do something new. He wants you to have present testimonies that will swallow up your past miracles. So, forget the past and embrace the new.

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