

**A Fresh Start Sermon Series
Part #4 – “Living a Fresh Life”**

2 Peter 1:3-8

Summary

You have been challenged to begin the year with a fresh start and you have already faced several obstacles in fulfilling your resolutions and goals. The desire of your heart is not to fail in meeting your goals for the new year, in achieving a fresh start with a fresh focus. These are the crucial days, determining whether or not you will continue down the path of renewal and victory or venture off the path to that of a conformed life to the standard the world has set for you to embrace. This sermon will help you make the decision of victory over defeat.

Objective

The main objective of this sermon is to challenge each person to begin implementing the beginning stages of their spiritual growth plan and to be intentional about living a life focused on growing closer God this year and growing deeper through the practice of their disciplines.

Living a Fresh Life

Understand Our Vision – Reach, Teach, and Serve the Community for the Cause of Christ

- **Matthew 28:18-20**
- **Key Point** – God has given every Christian a divine mandate to go out and reach, teach, and serve those around them that are lost, wounded, or simply wandering off of the path of Godliness. If we want to begin living a fresh life then we must first understand the directive or vision that God has given to us.

Reach Out to the Lost and Wandering

- **Luke 19:10** – For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.
- **Matthew 18:12-14**
- **Key Point** – Many Christians feel uncomfortable reaching out to those that are unbelieving or have wandered off the path. This hesitancy sets into the heart and mind of many Christians and they fail to live for the great purpose God has called them to achieve during this life. The purpose is to be: Christ Centered, Disciple Making, Community Minded, and Culturally Relevant so people could be drawn more intimately to the Lord.

Teach Godly Living

- **Matthew 5:13-16**
- **2 Peter 1:5-8**
- **Key Point** – God clearly points out in the great commission that He has high expectations for His children to live a fresh life devoted to Him. This lifestyle is about more than merely reaching the Lost. He also calls us to come alongside of each other to teach and train one another to follow His commandments. Each one of us is called to mentor, teach, and train others on living a Godly lifestyle.

Serve the Community With the Love of Christ

- **Matthew 20:28**
- **Key Point** – The final way that we can begin living a fresh life is by imitating the life of Christ through our love and service of Him. We are called to use our time, talent, and treasure to glorify God. We use all through of these areas to reach out and serve the lost in different ways with the sole intention of sharing the love of Christ with them and inviting them to know Him better.

Questions to Consider

1. List a few ways that you will be intentional about growing spiritually this year.
2. How is God prompting you to fulfill the vision of CCC this year? How will you be a part of making the vision become a reality?

Memory Verse

Luke 19:10 – For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

Challenge

Begin finalizing your personal and family spiritual growth plan for 2008. Begin implementing step one of your plan. If you do not know how to make a plan then come to one of our Wednesday Night classes or Community Gatherings to find out how to develop one.

