

The Christian life is a series of new \_\_\_\_\_.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.* II Corinthians 5:17 ESV

<sup>18</sup> "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.
<sup>19</sup> See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19

## Ways to experience a spiritual beginning . . .

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ a destructive habit.

<sup>22</sup> You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires. Ephesians 4:22

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, **let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.** And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith . . . Hebrews 12:1-2a

What do you need to stop? \_\_\_\_\_\_

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ a spiritual discipline.

...<sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:23-24

- What do you need to start? \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ when you'd rather quit.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

- Where do you need to stay? \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ out in \_\_\_\_\_ when you'd rather stay.

**By faith** Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. Hebrews 11:8

Where do you need to go? \_\_\_\_\_\_

## Next Steps:

 $\Box$  Ask God to give you a spiritual new beginning in 2014.

□ Commit to reading the Bible regularly this year.

□ Connect with a Sunday morning Bible Fellowship group.