

Starting Over

Hebrews 12:1-3

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A Unique Season Series

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

The new year often brings hope for so many. This is because we all want a fair shot at a new beginning. Unfortunately, a new calendar date doesn't always equal new habits and healthier life choices. Jesus offers a more accurate reality. The Gospel is unique in providing the fresh start we all want because it gives us a brand-new life. The only way to truly start over is by exploring the life-giving message of Jesus in the gospel of forgiveness.

REALIZE

1. Run with endurance

- **Scripture Reference:** Hebrews 12:1-3, Hebrews 12:1
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What is a weight (habit, mindset, past unforgiveness) that I can lay aside to run my race well?

2. Look and stay focused

- **Scripture Reference:** Hebrews 12:2
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What is God calling me to focus on this year?

3. Consider deeply

- **Scripture Reference:** Hebrews 12:3
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How does Christ's understanding of suffering give me hope in my difficulties?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?