



**YOU CAN BEGIN AGAIN**  
**Part Two: "The God of a Second Chance"**  
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*"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning."*  
 Lamentations 3:22-23 (NLT)

► **You can begin again because God is the God of a \_\_\_\_\_**

**FIRST WITNESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

*"Go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him..."* Mark 16:7 (NKJV)

*A third time he asked him, "...Do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep."* John 21:17 (NLT)

**SECOND WITNESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

*"Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time..."*  
 Jonah 3:1 (NKJV)

**CLOSING ARGUMENT: YOU CAN \_\_\_\_\_**

*"God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them! No one who has faith in God's Son will be condemned..."* John 3:17-18 (CEV)

**Three things we need to remember about beginning again:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **breaks the power of the enemy.**

*"Simon...Satan has tried his best to separate all of you from me...I've prayed for you in particular that you not give in or give out. When you*

*have come through the time of testing, turn to your companions and give them a fresh start."* Luke 22:31-32 (MSG)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **breaks the power of shame**

*"Remove the stain of my guilt. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me...Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you."* Ps. 51:9-10, 12-13 (NLT)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **breaks the power of wrong thinking**

*"...Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him...He died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus."* Romans 6:9-11 (NKJV)

GRACIOUS FATHER, I thank you for the promise of another chance. I repent of my sins and receive your grace to start over. Cleanse me, restore me and renew my thinking so I can help others who need a fresh start. In Christ's Name, AMEN!

**RESOURCES FOR THIS WEEK'S SMALL GROUPS**

**Icebreaker:** Share a time when you were given a second chance.

**Scripture Focus:** Let each member share a verse from this teaching--one that spoke to them personally. What does it mean to them?

**Discussion Focus:** How does shame keep us from starting over? What are we to do with shame and demonic accusations?

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for everyone to enter into the new season ahead.

**REMEMBER** to give an offering for the needy in your group this week, for God has promised us a rich reward (Det. 15:11, Psalm 41:1)