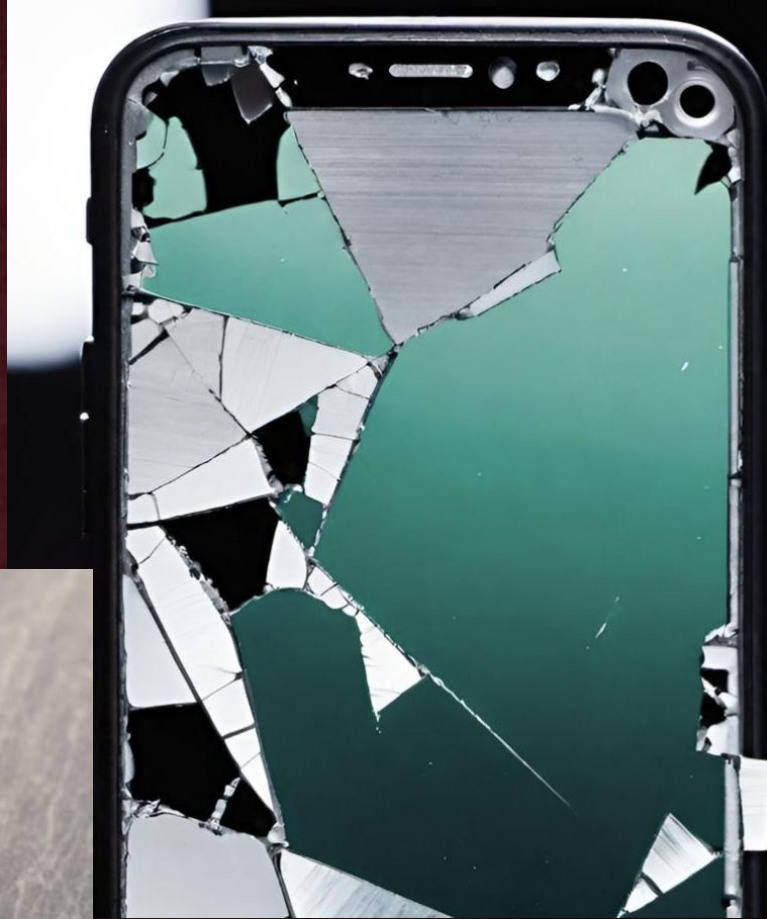
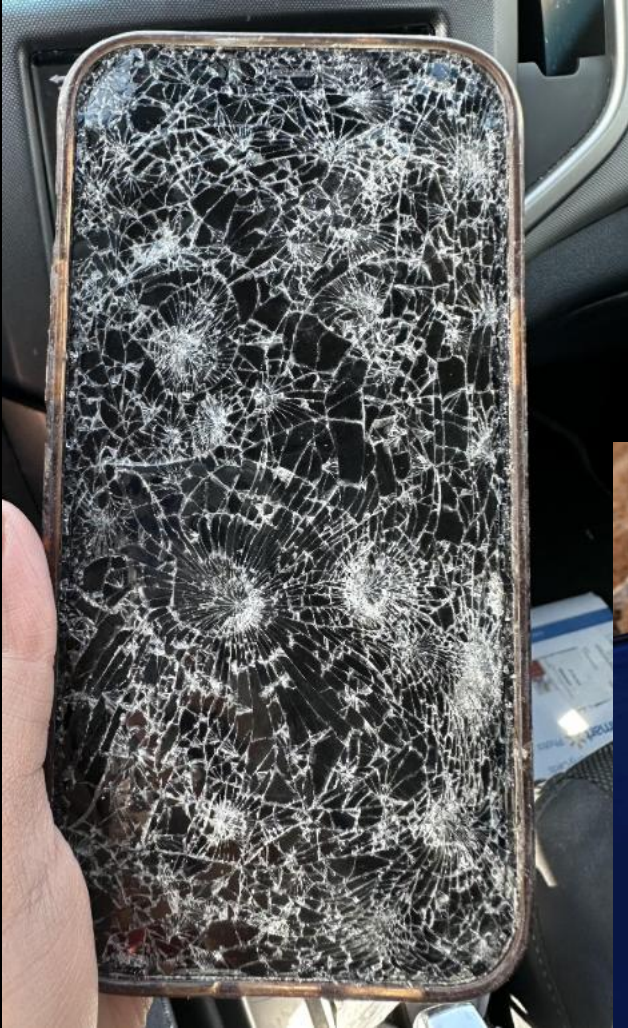




*A Fresh Start...*

**Leaving the Old,  
Embracing the New**

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**Why Do We Need  
Fresh Starts?**

**"This year I'll finally..."**

**We often try to find  
fresh starts in the  
wrong places!!**

**This isn't just another  
fresh start ,  
it's a New Creation**

## **2 Corinthians 5:17 - NIV**

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he  
is a new creation; the old has gone,  
the new has come!**

# **1. God is in the Business of Making Things New**

# “New Creation”

1. **καινή (New) means qualitatively new, not just chronologically new;**
2. **It echoes Genesis creation language and points to God's act of making something entirely new, not just improving the old.**





# **1. God is in the Business of Making Things New**

**2. Change is Possible  
Because God  
Initiates It.**

**“if anyone is In Christ”**

# **What is “In Christ”?**

- 1. Refers to the believer's union with Christ;**
- 2. Indicates a complete identification with Christ;**
- 3. Suggests a new sphere of existence.**



# God Initiates the Change

Just as an adopted child receives a new name, new family, new identity, and new inheritance purely because of their parent's initiative, we receive our new life purely because of God's initiative.

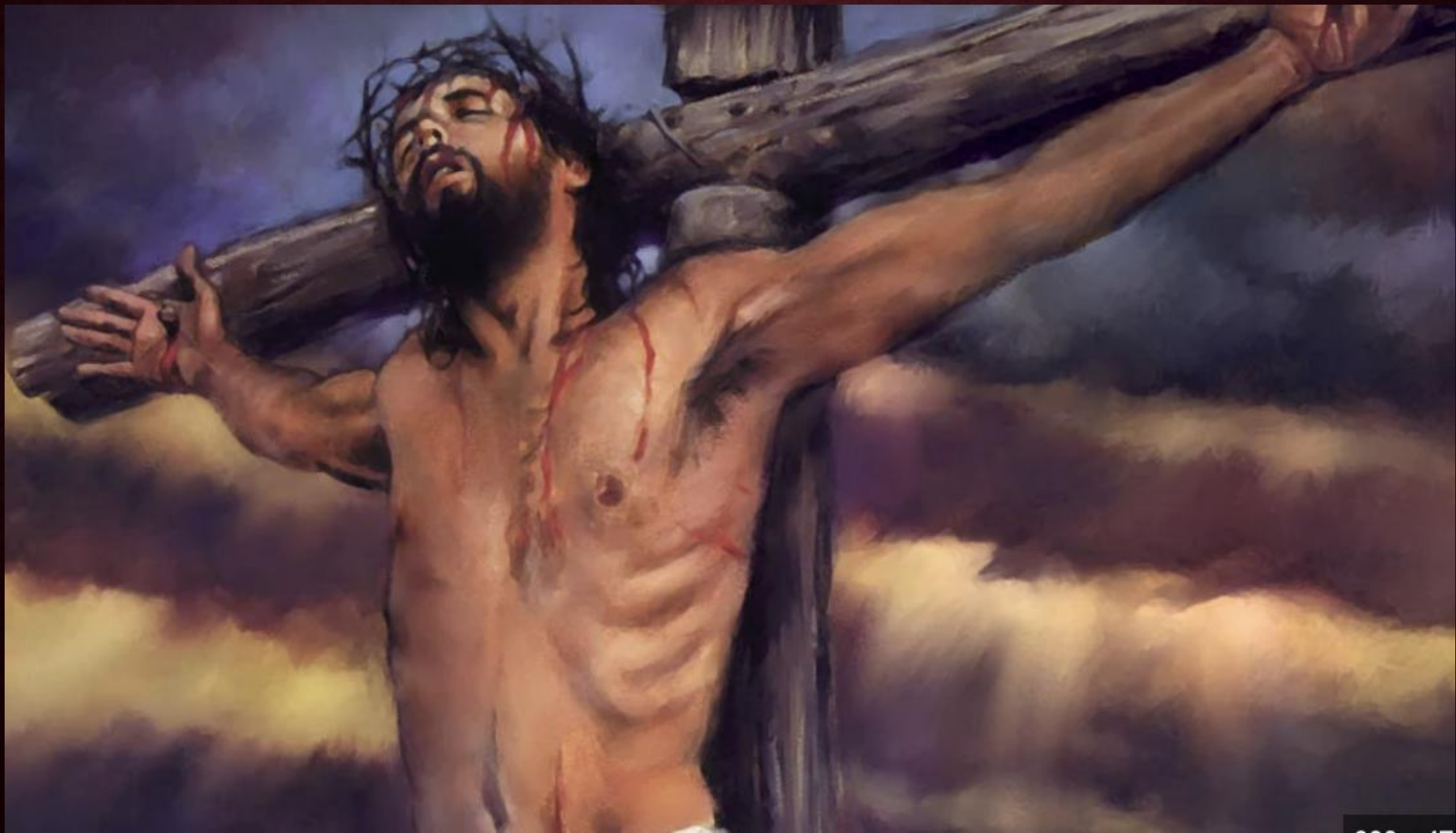
**We simply receive what  
God has already initiated**

**We don't earn it, achieve it, or  
create it. Just as we didn't choose  
our first birth, we don't generate  
our second birth. God does that.**

**3. The Old Must Truly  
Pass Away for the New  
to Come.**

# **“the Old Has Gone”**

1. ἀρχαῖα(old) refers to the ancient or original state;
2. The tense suggests a decisive passing away;
3. It indicates a complete break with the past.



**Partial changes  
don't work**

**The old must truly pass  
away !**

**Not fade away slowly !  
Not hide in the corner for  
emergencies !**

**Pass away completely !**

**Special Moment of  
Response Today**

# **Your Dying-to-the-Old-Life Moment**

**Nail Old You to the Cross**

# **Let it be a Decisive Moment**

- 1. A complete surrender, not a partial compromise!**
- 2. A full release, not a tentative letting go!**
- 3. A total break with the old, not a gradual drifting away!**
- 4. There's a decisive break, a point of no return!**

# **Your Dying-to-the-Old-Life Moment**

# Closing Prayer