

# St. Paul's Notes

## TAKING THE INITIATIVE

50 Days of Faith

October 11, 2009

*"God gives a fresh start to those ready to quit."*

Psalm 145:14 (The Message)

## HOW TO MAKE A FRESH START WITH FAITH

Mark 10:46-52

### I. SEIZE \_\_\_\_\_

*"Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and His disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!" Mark 10:46-47*

*"Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."*

Luke 9:62

### II. TAME \_\_\_\_\_

*"Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

Mark 10:48

*"Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe." Proverbs 29:25*

### III. ANNOUNCE \_\_\_\_\_

*"What do you want Me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man answered, 'Rabbi, I want to see.'"*

Mark 10:51

*"You ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'" James 4:15*

### IV. RECEIVE \_\_\_\_\_

*"Go", said Jesus, 'Your faith has healed you.' Immediately he received his sight..." Mark 10:52a*

*"From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another." John 1:16*

*"That's why faith is the key! God's promise is given to us as a free gift." Romans 4:16a (NLT)*

***"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Philipians 4:13***

### V. TAKE \_\_\_\_\_

*"... and followed Jesus along the road." Mark 10:52b*

*"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?"*

James 2:14

***"Everything that we have – right thinking, right living, a clean slate, and a fresh start – comes from God by way of Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 1:30 (The Message)***