



God First and a Fresh Start

November 22, 2015

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Matthew 9:9 (NIV)

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Matthew 9:10-13 (NLT)

2. ACCEPT GOD'S OFFER OF A _____.

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1 John 2:2 (GNT)

3. ALLOW THE _____ OF JESUS TO TAKE YOU _____.

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Matthew 16:24-25 (GNT)



Overpowering Uncertainty
November 15, 2015

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