

NEW BEGINNINGS

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*Here I go again
Doing things I said I wouldn't do
Saying words I know don't honor You
Yet I know in my heart
What I want to do and say
But it just seems to never go that way*

*Oh, can I really ask
Your forgiveness again and again
Why do I repeat the same old sin
Lord, give me Your strength
For I want to please You
Can You really forgive
And make things new*

Chorus

*I am the God of new beginnings
Draw your strength from Me
Don't try to do things on your own
Give your life to Me and see
That when you turn and follow Me
And ask Me to forgive
I'll replace your heart with one brand new
And show you how to live*

*Lord, I want to be
A man after Your own heart
But even when I fail to do my part
Your mercies are new
Your compassions never fail
For You proved Your love
By the sword and the nail*

*It's not how I start
What really counts is how I run the race
But even then salvation is by grace
For where my sin abounds
Your grace is much more
And when I wait on You
Like an eagle I will soar*

(Chorus)

*For if anyone is in Christ
He is a new creation
The old things have passed away
And all things have become new*

(Chorus)

*I am the God of new beginnings
Give your life to Me*

Some thoughts from Jon...

When I sin, the issue is not about my personal failure, but the fact that I have sinned against a holy God who calls me to be holy like Him. Praise the Lord that even though I fail Him, His mercies are new and His compassions *never* fail. (Lam 3:22) So when I sin, I don't turn over a new leaf, I humbly turn my life over to the One who is full of mercy, ready to forgive!