

Begin Again

“Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta, a place of refuge and peace.” (Acts 28:1, NIV)

You, my sister, have a call on your life. You were created for a purpose. A call to serve. To write. To sing. To teach. There is a purpose for your life to spread His Light into this world in a way that only you can do. And there is peace waiting for you when you step into your calling.

Have your fears and insecurities and doubts gotten in the way? Have you turned from where He has called you? Has a mighty storm raged so fiercely in your life that it has tested the very foundation on which you stand?

Wherever you are, whatever has caused you to pull away from your God, your faith, your purpose...Cast it aside and proclaim the promises of your KING, and **begin again**. He will light your path and lead you in the way everlasting if you simply surrender your desires, your will, and your needs for His.

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Your Father speaks: "I have begun a good work in you, and I will carry it through until My will is accomplished. No matter how far you roam, I am unchanging. My strength and My love endures even on the most wayward path. Turning from Me is not the answer. Dive into Me. Fall in love with Me. Seek Me. Soak in the Word and let it fill you with knowledge and power like never before. I am at work in you whether you feel it or not. I have prepared all things around you to work together for your benefit. Draw near to Me and I will give you rest. A rest that will refresh your soul and breathe fresh life into your heart so you can move forward into the calling and purpose I have ordained for you before even one of your days came to be. Do not become idle. Do not grow stagnant. My love flows like the sea, moving you into the exact position I desire you to be. Like Paul, upon the waves, you My child are on a journey. Trust in My leading. You are not the captain of your ship, your life. I make the waves and the wind and I know your final destination.

I will not immediately calm this storm for through it you are learning. Learning to bend but not break. Learning to lean without compromise. Learning that your strength and desires alone cannot change the course. I will bring you to a place where you would never have gotten to in any other way. I am your Rock, your strong Foundation. Your place of perfect Peace. I will bring you to Malta, and on its shores you will find My strength and love. And then, My child, you will dust yourself off and stand, and go forth to bring My Word to a new people. Your purpose is calling. Your life awaits. **Begin Again.**"

*Fall in love
with Me.*

Prayer

Father God, I thank you for your kindness. I thank you for your provision, and for the gentle way you lead me in this life to walk ever-closer to Your side. Reveal to me, today, the things of this world that I must walk away from so I may draw near to you. Convict me of my shortcomings and breathe a fresh breath of life into my heart so I can feel Your power and peace. May I commit to seeking out Your purpose for my life by diving into quiet time with You. And may I **begin again**, in this moment, by surrendering the desires of my heart for Yours. *In Jesus' Name, AMEN.*

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