# A Fresh Start: Aria’s Story | Devotion

## Listen

Isaiah 43:18–19

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

## Sing

“I See a New Heaven,” *Voices United* 713  
“There Is a Time,” *More Voices* 165  
“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry,” VU 644

## Reflect

* Where do you witness God at work in the world doing a new thing?
* When have you had a fresh start? What supports did you have to help you?
* Where is newness springing forth in your life?

## Pray

### At a Gathering

Your way is a way of love, O God. Help us be loving. Your way is a way of grace, O God. Help us be gracious. Your way is a way of peace, O God. Help us be peaceful. Your way is a way of compassion, O God. Help us be compassionate. Let your way guide us as we gather. Steady us on your path to experience the unfolding of your Spirit. Amen.

### For Personal Devotion

In the wilderness, you make a way.  
In the desert, you carve a river.  
You draw me toward a fresh start, O God.  
I am grateful. Turn my gratitude to your mission and service.  
A mission to support others seeking a way.  
A service that holds the promise of a fresh start.  
For your way, your truth, and your light I pray, O God.  
Amen.