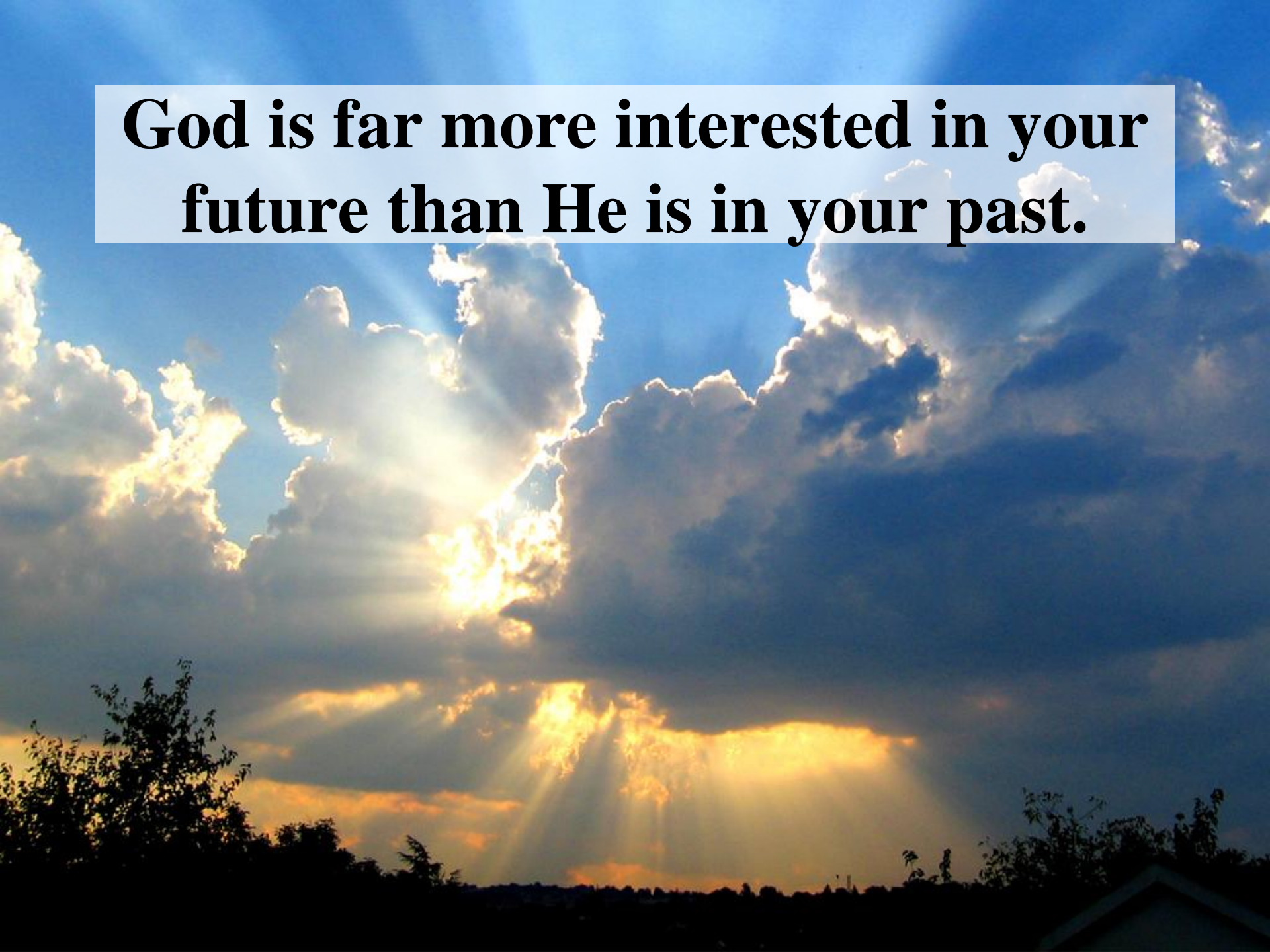




Getting a Fresh Start in 2011

Open Your Bibles to Isaiah 43: 18-19a

God is far more interested in your future than He is in your past.



S – Stop Making Excuses

- **I've got to stop blaming other people;**
- **I've got to stop using rationalizations.**
- **I've got to stop seeing myself as the victim of my circumstances.**
- **Nobody can ruin your life without your permission.**

Common Causes of Failure

- 1. We Don't Plan Ahead**
- 2. We Don't Listen to Others**
- 3. We Give Up Too Soon**

T - Take stock of My Life

- **What have I learned?**
- **What are my assets?**
- **Who can help me?**

A - Act in faith

- **The person who says, "I can!" and the person who says, "I can't!" are both right.**

R - Refocus My Thoughts

- **The way you think, determines the way you feel.**
- **And the way you feel determines the way you act.**

T – Trust God to Help Me

You don't get a fresh start by trying. You get a fresh start by trusting