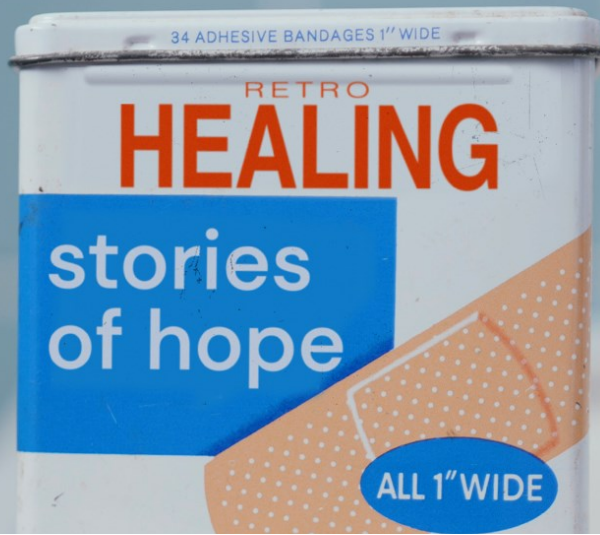




Ready to Restore

The Old Testament is filled with stories of faith, hope, triumph and healing. In this series, we will look to the Old Testament for stories of healing that can bring hope and encouragement to us in our faith walk with Christ.

- What is something that stuck out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Circle Time: Share about a time you restored something or fixed something that was broken and brought it back to life.
 - What challenges did you face in the process?
 - How did you know how to restore it? Where did you research or learn?
 - How did it make you feel when you finished the restoration process?
- Read 2 Kings 13:20-21
 - What is your initial reaction to this very short story?
 - In the context of the rest of chapter 13 these two verses can feel a bit out of place. What do you think is the purpose of adding this narrative to the overall chapter?
 - The name Elisha literally means the deliverer or the protector. What does it communicate to you that they had to toss their dead to run to safety? *Their deliverer and protector is gone leaving them vulnerable to the attacks of their enemy. These attacks are so frequent they don't even have time to bury their dead.*
 - Have you ever felt vulnerable like this? Like the attacks just keep coming and you can't escape?
 - How are you affected in times like this? How are people around you affected?
 - How do you get through those times?
 - Are there any scriptures or prayers you turn to sustain you?
 - What is it about these scriptures or prayers that helps you?
 - What was it about Elisha's bones that brought the dead man back to life?
 - When Elisha was alive he raised multiple people from death to life. How do you think it helps Israel that he does it even in death? *The power that Elisha had in life and then even as bones never came from Elisha. The power is 100% from God. God is the deliverer and the protector.*
- What does this tell you about God's desires for your life?
- Pray with each other.