



The world has been lost to sin. Scroll through your feed, and it doesn't take long to see people are divided and hurting, the world is broken. And yet, our merciful God sent His Son to save the world from that brokenness and us from our sin. He is in the process of renewing, rebuilding, and restoring the world through His Son Jesus, and He invites us to work with Him and point others to Him.

Our key verse for this sermon series is Isaiah 61:4: "They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations." And in that verse there are 3 key verbs that show the character of God – rebuild, restore, and renew. As you reflect on this verse, let it lead you to praise and honor your Gracious Father.

Week 1 (November 2-3): Kingdom

Our God is a Redeemer, Rebuilder, Renewer, and Restorer. He takes broken and corrupt things, and He makes them new for His glory and for their good. We, as sinful people, have experienced His restoration and redemption. As you read this week, consider the greatness of our God the Restorer and Redeemer.

- Day 1 - Isaiah 1:11-20
- Day 2 - Isaiah 42:1-9
- Day 3 - Isaiah 61:1-4
- Day 4 - Luke 4:14-21
- Day 5 - Isaiah 53:5-12

Week 2 (November 9-10): Rebuild

The book of Isaiah was originally written in Hebrew, and the word that is translated as "rebuild" is actually the word *banah* (pronounced "baw-naw"). It means to take something that is without form and make something new, like a carpenter who takes raw wood and through a long process forms a piece of furniture. As you read this week, focus on the character of God who creates and empowers us to work for His glory.

- Day 1 – Isaiah 61:4
- Day 2 – Isaiah 58:6-12
- Day 3 – Amos 9:11-14
- Day 4 – Psalm 127:1
- Day 5 – Matthew 16:13-18

Week 3 (November 16-17): Restore

In our key passage, the word translated as "restore" is the Hebrew word *quwm* (pronounced "koom"). The word means to rise up for action. It's often used to describe God arising to defend His people or His glory, or when an army "rises up" for battle. Our God is constantly taking action or preparing us for what He desires from us. As you read this week, consider how God is raising you up to serve Him and how one day He will raise you up to be with Him forever.

- Day 1 – Micah 7:8-10
- Day 2 – Jeremiah 23:1-6
- Day 3 – Isaiah 60:1-3
- Day 4 – 1 Peter 5:8-10
- Day 5 – Psalm 51:10-13

Week 4 (November 23-24): Renew

Over November, we've looked at the character of God through Isaiah 61:4. This week, we focus on the last verb, "renew" which means to return to a former glory. If silver is tarnished, you renew it with polish. If something is drained or used up, you renew it with energy. As you read this week, reflect how the grace of God promises to renew you and the whole world through Christ. How can you rest in this promise?

- Day 1 – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- Day 2 – 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- Day 3 – Psalm 80:1-19
- Day 4 – Isaiah 40:28-31
- Day 5 – Revelation 21:1-7