

RESTORE
RESTORE: MAKE YOUR DECISION

Friday, June 19
Reading: Psalm 85

Psalm 85:4 Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away Your displeasure toward us.

“The crisis of belief is a turning point or a fork in the road that demands that you make a decision. You must decide what you believe about God. How you respond when you reach this turning point will determine whether you go on to be involved with God in something God-sized that only He can do or whether you will continue to go your own way and miss what God has purposed for your life. This is not a one-time experience. It is a daily experience. How you live your life is a testimony of what you believe about God.”¹

The last seven weeks we have encouraged you to take the steps to restore your relationship with God and others from the hurts, habits, and hang ups – those addictions that we all fight with God’s power every day. While we are finishing this Restore series, the restoration must continue. We must all make the decision to allow God to use these principles to continue to work on us for the rest of our lives.

#1 I CAN’T; GOD CAN

2 Peter 1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. **4** Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

#2 BECAUSE I’M GOD’S CHILD, I GIVE MY LIFE TO HIS WILL

1 John 3:1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!...

2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. **3** All who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure.

#3 I ASK GOD TO HELP ME OWN AND RELEASE MY PAST

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

#4 WITH GOD’S HELP, I ALWAYS FORGIVE AND ASK TO BE FORGIVEN

Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

#5 I STAY CONNECTED TO GOD AND OTHERS

James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, **25** not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

#6 I SEEK TO GET OTHERS CONNECTED TO GOD

Psalm 51:12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. **13** Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, so that sinners will turn back to You.

1 Peter 5:10 And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself RESTORE you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. **11** To Him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

¹ Henry T. Blackaby & Claude V. King. Experiencing God, p. 133