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WEEK ELEVEN: BECOMING A RESTORER

How to become a compassionate restorer who rebuilds the lives of broken people

9 Jesus said, "Today is salvation day in this home! Here he is: Zacchaeus, son of Abraham! **10** For the Son of Man came to find and **RESTORE the lost.**"

- Luke 19:9-10 (MSG)

19 God was bringing the world back to Himself through Christ. He did not hold people's sins against them. God has trusted us with the message **that people may be brought back to Him.** **20** So we are Christ's official messengers. It is as if God were making His appeal through us. Here is what Christ wants us to beg you to do. **Come back to God! - 2 Corinthians 5:19-20 (NIRV)**

1 Brothers, if a person is caught doing something wrong, **those of you who are spiritual should RESTORE that person gently. Watch out for yourself so that you are not tempted as well.** **2** Practice carrying each other's burdens. **In this way you will fulfill the law of the Messiah.** **3** For if anyone thinks he is something when he is really nothing, he is only fooling himself. - Galatians 6:1-3 (ISV)

Destiny Core Value

HONOR IS OUR _____

"We lift others up and never tear them down"

- God _____ us when He _____ us.
- Jesus _____ and _____ to bring us _____ to God.
- Like Jesus, we must _____ and _____ the lost so that they can be _____.

- _____ *focus on total* _____ *as they fulfill the*
_____ *of Jesus.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

How do we RESTORE lost people?

*What is the meaning of **RESTORATION**?*

*How does someone come back to God and **RESTORE** their relationship with Him?*

*Have you been **RESTORED** in certain areas of your life?*

*How can we seek to **RESTORE** people who are broken and hurting around us and see them come back to God as their loving Father?*

*The Lord is our shepherd He **RESTORES** all broken areas in our lives and lead us into paths of righteousness*

REFLECTIONS:

What area(s) or relationships in your life needs restoration?

How can you restore those area(s) or relationships in your life?

Our Parable for the Day:

***The Restored:** The Prodigal Son*

Key Verses: Luke 15:11-24

11 Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. **12** And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. **13** And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. **14** But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. **15** Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. **16** And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. **17** "But when he came to **himself**, he said, 'How many of my father's **hired servants** have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! **18** I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have **sinned** against heaven and before you, **19** and I am no longer **worthy** to be called your **son**. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" **20** "And he **arose and came** to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had **compassion**, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. **21** And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned **against heaven** and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' **22** "But the father said

to his servants, 'Bring out the **best robe** and put it on him and put **a ring** on his hand and **sandals** on his feet. 23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it and let us eat and be merry; 24 for this my son was **dead** and is **alive** again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. **Luke 15:11-24 (NKJV)**

"PRODIGAL LIVING: is spending money and resources recklessly, wastefully. The Father restores the **prodigal** with a _____, _____ and _____.

- _____ - *Restored Covering & Royal Identity*
- _____ - *Restored Covenant & Kingly Authority*
- _____ - *Restored Course & Spiritual Walk*
- _____ - *Restored Communion & Fellowship*

TODAY'S TAKEAWAY: FOUR PRINCIPLES FOR RESTORERS:

1. _____

***RESTORERS** can restore others because they have been restored as God's children.*

2. _____

***RESTORERS** value the restoration of spiritual inheritance that's been lost in spiritual slavery*

3. _____

***RESTORERS** encourage people to become whole and strengthen when they feel weak.*

4. _____

***RESTORERS** selflessly support the broken to restore them to their true identity and purpose.*

CONFESSION BRINGS PROFESSION:

Seven days of Declaration

“I AM” STATEMENTS:

- I AM A RESTORER
- I AM GENTLE
- I AM HELPFUL
- I AM ENCOURAGING
- I AM SUPPORTIVE
- I AM THOUGHTFUL
- I AM A FRIEND

TAKE TIME: *To Read Supporting Verses This Week*

2 And when you—you and your descendants, that is—will have returned to him and obeyed all the commands that I'm giving you today with all your heart and soul, **3** then the Lord your God will **RESTORE** your fortunes and will show compassion to you. He will gather you from among the nations where he had scattered you.
Deuteronomy 30:2-3 (ISV)

Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord RESTORES His captive people, then Jacob will rejoice, Israel will be glad.
- Psalm 14:7 (AMP)

1 Blessed [by God's grace and compassion] is He who considers the helpless; **The Lord will save him in the day of trouble. 2 The Lord will protect him and keep him alive; And he will be called blessed** in the land; You do not hand him over to the desire of his enemies. **3 The Lord will sustain and strengthen him** on his sickbed; In his illness, **you will RESTORE him to health. 4** As for me, I said, “**O Lord, be gracious to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.**”
Psalm 41:1-4 (AMP)

RESTORE to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. -
Psalm 51:12 (NKJV)

13 Is anyone among you suffering? He must pray. Is anyone joyful? He is to sing praises [to God]. **14** Is anyone among you sick? He must call for the elders (spiritual leaders) of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the

name of the Lord; **15** and **the prayer of faith will RESTORE the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.** **16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another [your false steps, your offenses], and pray for one another, **that you may be healed and RESTORED.**

The heartfelt *and* persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power]...**19** My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you strays from the truth *and* falls into error and [another] one turns him back [to God], **20** let the [latter] one know **that the one who has turned a sinner from the error of his way will save that one's soul from death and cover a multitude of sins** [that is, obtain the pardon of the many sins committed by the one who has been **RESTORED**].

- James 5:13-16,19-20 (AMP)

AT HOME CHALLENGES: *Applying what we learned*

*Here are some options to challenge you this week as you continue in your journey of **BECOMING A RESTORER**:*

- *Read these verses out loud and meditate on their meaning*
- *Journal thoughts about the lesson and verses*
- *Use them as a morning devotional*
- *Use the I AM STATEMENTS as daily declarations in your prayer time*
- *Share with a friend or post on social media*
- *Call someone this week that you know is struggling or has fallen away from faith and allow the Holy Spirit to use you to bring restoration to their broken life.*

Have a bless rest of the week!

ONE more week to go!

Let's finish STRONG!

“DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES”