



“FROM DEVASTATION TO RESTORATION – PART 2”

TWCC Wednesday Night Service Handout - Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019

- “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that **times of refreshing** may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the **times of restoration** of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.” - **Acts 3:19-21 NKJV**
- Notice there will be (1) Times of Refreshing and (2) Times of Restoration; **Times** = means plural; there will be many.
 - Notice also, the _____ of all things precedes the coming of the Lord. The phrase “whom heaven must **receive**...” in literally “whom heaven must **retain**...” in the Greek.
 - Our Lord is coming back for a _____ Church. (**Ref Ephesians 5:27**) not a _____ Church.
- “Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you— The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month. The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. “So **I will restore** to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame. Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame.” - **Joel 2:23-27 NKJV**
- **Reread both Prophecies**
- Our Father God is ready to _____ everything our adversary the devil has stolen from us, to turn any DEVASTATION in our life to _____. But in order do so He must have someone _____ RESTORATION!
- We must _____ the Atmosphere and our Attitude reference this Word of Restoration. Please understand that we will not experience _____ just because you read about it in God's Word or hear it preached or taught. Take the next step and _____ it! (**See Isaiah 42:22**). We have got to stay _____ and _____ to charge the atmosphere around us with _____ and maintain a spirit and _____ of FAITH!
- You and I should _____ the atmosphere with RESTORATION! This are days of _____, a season and a year of _____.
- Our Father God is RESTORING to the Church everything Satan has taken out of the Church. Jesus our Lord said for us to “...be of good cheer...” (**John 16:33**) so here is a good cheer: R-E-S-T-O-R-E!
- Get and keep your _____ in motion! **2 Kings 7:3 (NKJV)** – “Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, “Why are we sitting here until we die?” How did their motion start? With their _____. Our FAITH must move our _____ and be talking!
 - Say what God's Word says. Decree it. Establish it. Get in motion. Not just once, but morning and night and at noon.
 - Begin charging the air with _____ in your home, get it in your spirit and start shouting and declaring **Restore! Restore! Restore!**
 - Write down the things that the enemy has stolen, destroyed or that you've lost for the past 5 years or more (whatever your faith can grasp and believe for) and _____ RESTORE over those things in Jesus' Name! Give our Father God, Who IS a MASTER RESTORER and a TURNAROUND SPECIALIST something to work with. Remember, what you REHEARSE become your _____.
 - Obviously, to conceive something in your spirit takes more than merely attending church; it takes more than reading the Bible once or twice a week, and more than hearing a sermon only one time. The Bible says, “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing...” (**Romans 10:17**). If you can't

conceive an image of it, then it will never become a reality in your life. If you still ask, "Can He?" then the image is not perfected yet. This means you need to spend more time in the Word and more time with the Holy Spirit (Our Helper and our Minister of Revelation).

- Remember, _____, signs and _____ situations are purposed by the devil to move us from _____ and into _____. FEAR contaminates our _____, breaks our _____ and disrupts our _____.
- To stay POSITIVE and PRODUCTIVE in a negative world around us we must: **(1st) Make a _____ of quality.** To go with the flow of this world is to live with limitations. **(2nd) Learn to Think _____ and _____ than you do right now.** Allow the Word and good, godly people to stretch you and challenge you to think bigger. **(3rd) Renew your _____.** (Read Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:23 [AMPC]). This responsibility is ours to do regularly – not God's responsibility. We maintenance our thinking!

DELAYS: WHY THEY HAPPEN AND HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM

- Let's look at three Scriptural sources of delays in our lives: (1) _____ (2) _____ and (3) _____.
- It could be that God has orchestrated a delay in your life because He is arranging a _____ appointment up ahead. (Read Acts 16:6-7; 9-10). God stood between them and their plans, forbidding them to preach in Asia because He had another plan. The timing was not _____; God had a Divine appointment waiting for them.
- Delays can be the result of being _____ by Satan. The word HINDER means "impeded, detain." (Read 1 Thessalonians 2:17 – 18). Satan created the delay here.
- You could be the cause of _____, for various reasons. (Read Haggai 1:6 – 7). Notice God didn't say, "Consider the devil's ways," He said "Consider your ways!" It was the people's ways that had created their delay. These people had been in exile, but God had delivered them and brought them back to their homeland, where He instructed them to re-build the temple that was lying in ruins. NOTE: When the enemy attacks and people mock our living by faith enough, then we could lose our FOCUS.
 - Our vision could become blurred, and we could eventually give up before the manifestation comes.
 - Therefore, we need to be aware of **3 Three Particular Things** that can cause us to lose FOCUS:
 - (1) _____, (2) _____, and (3) _____.
 - When you become _____ in what God said and the vision He has given us, APATHY sets in. We become PASSIVE. You yield to the mockery. When you're not interested in what God is saying and doing, you begin to pursue your own desires and dreams and become self-centered. When that happens, your life becomes unfruitful, unfocused and unfaithful.
 - You become _____ when you start to believe that what God told you is never going to happen. It looks impossible. If you look at the ashes of your life too long, Satan will convince you that you cannot build it back.
 - You experience _____ any time you compare your _____ season to someone else's _____ season. You become _____ while waiting for God to bring to pass His promises in your life. If you continue to focus on the _____ you feel, you'll give up on God's plans. You may try to make them happen in your own strength, but God's timing is always better than ours.
 - Haggai** means "festive spirit." God sent the prophet, Haggai, to bring _____ back to the people so they could build the temple (in our case the Church). If there is anything you need when you are disinterested, discouraged, and dissatisfied, it's a Word from God. Surround yourself with the Word! Create a festive spirit in your home! Rejoice! Boldly and joyfully lead cheers of RESTORATION!
 - Develop the Art of Waiting by utilizing joyful, confident _____ daily! Expectant** is a key word in the developing the art of waiting. "Wait [expectantly] for the Lord, and He will rescue and save you." – **Proverbs 20:22 [AMPC]**
 - Don't Get Offended at God!** What's Satan's ultimate purpose in stealing from you? To get you _____ at God; to _____ your VICTORY. When you're _____ at God, you're not in His Presence. And if you're not in His Presence you're not in position for _____! (**Acts 3:19 – 21**). It's only in His Presence that _____ comes.
