

The 72—Kingdom Ministry Discipleship
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“I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you.” (Joel 2:25, ESV)

A Word for 2020: A YEAR OF RESTORATION

- God is in the business of _____.

- Restoration is not about restoring us to an ideal moment in the past but restoring our lost or obscured _____.

- We all carry something (for life and Kingdom) that the Lord wants to restore to the forefront of our _____.

- God is about to take you on a journey of _____ for the season of restoration and for your greatest joy.

- _____ change; and it's always easy to get lost in the shifting atmosphere. The challenge to leadership is allowing God to restore who you are in the midst of the chaos.

- Restoration doesn't mean we will look the same through every transition and season.

- Restoration is for the _____—for increasing glory and harvest.

- Restoration is naturally _____.

- God wants you _____.

1 The Call of Spirit-Word Conviction

- Reach beyond your _____.

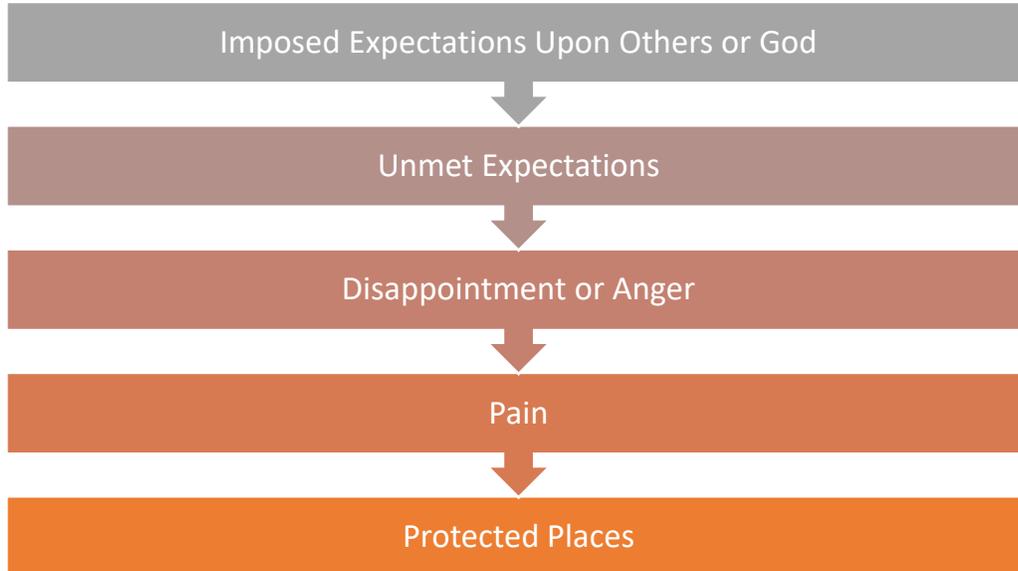
- King Saul's Torment—**1 Samuel 16:14-23**
 - His pride, fear of man, and disobedience caused a loss of _____ and opened him to a spirit of _____.

 - The worship and anointing of David only brought Saul soothing for a moment.

 - **Acts 2:37 (ESV)** — ³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

 - **John 8:31-32 (ESV)** — ³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

- We all come before the Lord with _____ and spiritual _____.
- Without a hunger for a revelation from the Lord, we will always be subject to our own deception and a variety of (tormenting) spirits. (**Ephesians 6:12**)



- The Strong Man Problem — **Luke 11:21-22**
 - NOTE: The strong man "takes away his armor in which he trusted."

- Once we're protecting our pain in our own self-righteousness we don't realize what the enemy really has stolen.
 - Pain desensitizes us to the _____.
 - Pain distorts our _____ and what we're hearing from God.
 - Pain fosters a continued _____ in the Church, our family, our workplace, etc.
 - Pain fuels an ongoing lack of _____ and _____.
 - Pain enhances the _____ of our enemy.
 - Pain produces in us an artificial _____ to higher levels of success.
 - Pain jades our _____ with skepticism, doubt and unbelief.
 - Pain anchors _____ in our heart.

➤ Other Examples of People Under a Spirit-Word Conviction

- Abraham
- Joshua and Caleb
- Joseph

2 Intimacy with God—the Kingdom Within

- **Luke 17:20–21 (ESV)** — ²⁰ Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, ²¹ nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

- John 4:23–24—True worshippers worship in Spirit and Truth
 - **John 4:23–24 (ESV)** — ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."
 - In Spirit = recognizing and entering into the true _____ of God
 - In Truth = entering into the place where God can _____ what was hidden.

- _____ with the Lord is about what you see, hear, and perceive and how you are led.
 - **2 Corinthians 3:17–18 (ESV)** — ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord,

are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

3 Intimacy—Entering Into Glory

- **1 Peter 5:1 (ESV)** — ¹ So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed...
- **Habakkuk 2:14 (ESV)** — ¹⁴ For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
- **Haggai 2:9 (ESV)** — ⁹ The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts.
- The Word “glory” is translated from six different Hebrew words:
 - **Hadar**: beautiful, excellent, majestic
 - **Tohar**: purity and transparency
 - **Tsebhi**: pointing to God’s prominence and His conspicuous power and/or presence
 - **Addereth**: something broad, expanding, limitless, able to move beyond the natural realm
 - **Hod**: grandeur, awesome, spectacular
 - **Kabod**: weighty, to be noteworthy or impressive, to have a reputation as a person in high social position like a king, a person with wealth, authority, power to act or influence.
- (Greek NT) **doxa** = splendor, brightness, amazing might, demonstration of power, kingdom, magnificence
- Entering into His glory is not about waiting for the presence of God to show up but recognizing and honoring who the Lord is in our midst.
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- _____ is the sign of entering His glory.
- Entering into glory expects the _____.
- Entering into glory requires faith in a _____.
- Entering into glory believes that _____ can receive.

4 Intimacy—Entering into the Place of Exposure

- **Hebrews 4:11–13 (ESV)** — ¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.
 - _____ is key to intimacy with the Lord.

- **Luke 3:2 (ESV)** — ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.
 - There is a defining _____ over your life.
- **2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)** — ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.
 - You got to accept both the _____ and _____ of intimacy with God.
- **John 8:31–32 (ESV)** — ³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
 - The only way to true freedom is _____ in His Word!
- **Luke 1:37 (NIV)** — ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.”
 - Intimacy will bring forth a _____ that will challenge your _____.

5 Some Final Thoughts On Intimacy with the Lord and Restoration

- God knows us better than we know ourselves.
- God knows the _____ better than we do.
- The Lord will restore a _____ to your life in order to capture the best version of yourself.
- Trust the Lord in the midst of the _____ season.
- Consciously “_____.”
 - **Genesis 5:24 (ESV)** — ²⁴ Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.
 - Don't worry about your next experience of God; just walk with Him and you will receive the experience you need.
- Seek to understand the _____ of God so that you can interpret His _____ correctly.