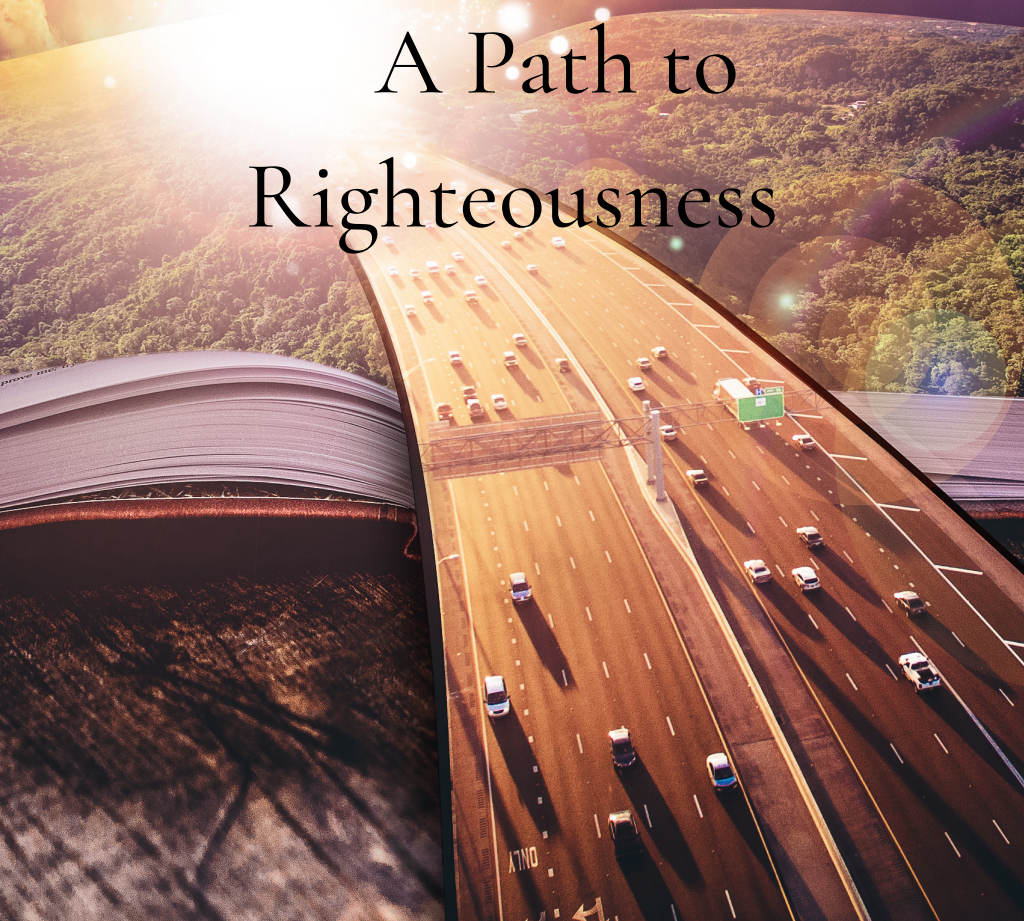




Restore
A Path to
Righteousness



What if I told you the problems, you think you have you bring on yourself. Would you believe me? What if I took it a step further and said that the problems you think you have really aren't as big and tough as they seem. Would you believe me? It's true. The problems that we have are not impossible to solve. They're sometimes impossible for us. They are harder to find solutions to and take longer to overcome when we go about trying to accomplish them on our own. And the moment the situation is taken care of we look back and say, "I made it", "that wasn't so bad" or you may think "why did I allow that thing to cloud my judgement and cause so much disturbance in my life when I knew better and what was happening all along".

Those are thoughts and feelings of conviction. Being convicted of not choosing to follow God's way from the beginning and turning to him sooner. How foolish to think you could do it alone. The problem is you got sucked into a space of unforgiveness, a place where you didn't see God and recognize He has already worked it out for your good. A place you feel your sin is too great for him to forgive which makes it harder for you to forgive others who hurt you. You're busy trying to figure it out, fix it yourself and forget about it.

The truth is you're going about it the wrong way.

God will provide and be your guide all you need to do is believe in Him and trust His ways. Trust that He knows what He is doing and will work it out for your good.

You don't have to be in control of everything. Matter fact you don't have to be in control at all. Releasing control to Him changes things, your life, and circumstances. The problem is you are *too busy doing stuff*. Stuff which has you feeling as though you are the string on a yo-yo.

You have what I call the *up-and-down syndrome*. You're up one minute and down the next. You're in a constant battle to stay happy, fulfilled, successful and in a state of peace. Wouldn't it be great to be up more than you are down? To be shown grace and mercy and know all you need to do is pray and be still? Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (light).

You're too busy being in control.
You're too busy making your own plans.
You're too busy for God.
You're too busy for prayer time.
You're too busy for your children, your
spouses, and your families.
You're too busy chasing money.
You're too busy getting caught up in
temptation.
You're too busy trying to measure up to
others.
You're too busy living life for others vs for
yourself.
You're too busy getting into debt and then
trying to find ways to get out of debt.
You're too busy trying to enjoy what life
has to offer before you are truly able.
You're too busy trying to make a
relationship work that isn't.
You're too busy trying to deny it's you that
need a change and not someone else.

You're too busy fault finding and shifting
blame.

You're too busy making your situation
seem like it's not as bad as it is.

You're too busy trying to convince yourself
that you don't have an addiction that you
need to overcome.

You're too busy trying to run from God
instead of running towards Him.

You're too busy rejecting constructive
criticism that will change your life.

You're too busy being stubborn and
unyielding.

You're too busy trying to do it yourself and
not ask for help.

You're too busy being prideful and letting
your ego get in the way.

You're too busy giving up on people and
not realizing there is no perfect person.

You're too busy trying to find the next best
thing when all along you may have
overlooked what was right in front you.

I could keep going but you get the point.

Right?

All the statements above have one thing in common. It's that you are just *too busy!* Too busy getting in the way. If you simply move over and let God take the wheel you'll find the ride is much smoother.

2 Corinthians 5:21 “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” and 2 Peter 1:4 “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” reminds us God is the way when we're going through our stuff AND when we're not. You notice we go to Jesus when we are in desperate need of saving? When everything we've tried has failed and we are on the verge of giving up we call on the name of Jesus to help pull us through and see us to the end?

Why do we call on him only when we need something? How many more blessings would we see and how greater the fulfillment over our lives be if we turn to Him when we're *not* in trouble. Make a conscious effort to *activate* and *include* Him in your every day life. Confessing your sins out loud to him, asking for forgiveness when you fall short of the glory of God and asking him to have His way in your life. You don't have to be fearful of how to pray. All you need to do is *pray*. The Holy Spirit will help supply you with the words you need to come forth out of your mouth. Prayer changes things. When others pray for you, the *anointed* and those that know Jesus as their *Lord and Savior* it changes things. I used not allow people to pray over my life. Still don't in some cases. This is because I truly believe not all persons that say holy, holy holy is holy, holy.

If you get what I'm saying. Your life is delicate, and it should be treated with care. Guard your salvation and be mindful of those that are in your life and pray over your life.

In church as far back as I can remember the preacher would say join hands with your neighbor or in prayer people standing close to you would automatically reach out to grab your hand. I would kindly keep my hand to myself. Why? Because I wanted what God had for me and I didn't want any negative spirit to intercept it. I pray and receive what is for me from God through me. I'm in no way saying that you should follow suit but I'm saying be mindful that you don't allow anything to block you hearing and receiving from God.

It would serve a purpose for your life if you would pause for a moment. Take an inventory of your life at this present time. Don't fault anyone for the decisions you made, the road you traveled and are still currently on, they are yours to bare alone. Instead recognize what needs to happen to *restore the path to righteousness* for your life. It's never too late to get it right, to ask for a do-over. The point is to ASK Him.

Another point is turning away from your old life and saying yes to the new one. The key is to do more good on earth than bad. Because when the book is opened, and your name is not written you have no one to blame but yourself. Don't get before the gate and cry out for mercy because it'll be too late. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians 6:7,

“And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: But the righteous into life eternal.” Matthew 25:46. Live life with the best intentions and to the best of your ability. Helping one another with compassion and forgiving one another freely with good cheer.

The definition of restore is to bring back, reinstate, return to former condition, repair, or renovate. Don't you think you are worthy of restoration? You're like a light bulb. Light bulbs serve a purpose. It's to bring forth light. To shine bright providing direction and guidance. A single light bulb can last for a mighty long time. When it's purpose is served, the light goes out, never returning until replaced with a new bulb.

Then light is restored.

Think of yourself in this way. You may have shined bright at one time. However, you feel your light needs adjusting because you're not shining as bright as you know you could be. You may need an attitude adjustment. You may need to get your priorities in order. You may need to get rid of negative thoughts. You may need to stop treating others the way you know you wouldn't like them to treat you. You may need to stop judging others. You may need to stop procrastinating. You may need to stop allowing temptation to slowly rob you of the life you're supposed to live. You may need to stop lying and spreading false rumors about others. You may need to stop running from your destiny. You may need to stop trying to find a way out of your marriage or relationship and start fixing the problem and healing from them. Your light just needs restoring.

God is the answer. Start with Him and restore all that has been lost and ask Him to renew your mind and give you a clean heart. A path to righteousness is better than a path that leads to destruction.

Matthew 7:13-14. "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

I hope you enjoyed reading *Restore: A Path to Righteousness*. I pray God's grace and mercy be upon you for an abundant life. In Jesus name, Amen.

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