

RESTORATION Ministries



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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

We've all had the experience of stepping out into a new venture and not knowing what the future was going to hold, but knowing the God who holds the future. We took steps of faith 11 yrs. ago this month, to begin Restoration Ministries.

Whether it's beginning a new venture or a new year, it's good to reflect on what God told Joshua as he prepared to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. (Joshua 1:5-9). He didn't know what the future held, but He knew his God held the future. There are 3 key truths given to Joshua that we can claim and apply to experience God's blessing in 2016.

1. God's Presence (v.5b)—"I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you". This promise opens the way to experience the next promise.

2. God's Power (v. 6a, 7a, 9a)—God told Joshua 3 times to "be strong and very courageous". God would provide the enablement for the challenges of the future. The Israelites would need to trust God to display His power.

3. God's Precepts (v. 8)—To experience God's presence and power in their daily lives they were to meditate upon and obey God's Word. The promised result was "Then you will be prosperous and successful."

It is our prayer that you will experience God's presence, power, and precepts and a "prosperous" and "successful" year in relationship with Jesus Christ.

Serving Together In Christ,
Roger and Brenda Daum

Insights for Relationships by Pastor Roger Daum

Mentors are life coaches. A good coach teaches their team the fundamentals of a sport and helps them develop and use those fundamentals. If you could boil everything down and help couples learn to apply a few basic truths (tools), that will help them develop and maintain a strong marriage, what truths (tools) would you share with them? What fundamentals would you help them develop?

1. Surrender to the author of love and allow Jesus to be at home in their lives. (Ephesians 3:16-19)

2. Consistently connect with God through meditation upon His Word and prayer. The health of marriage relationships will be a reflection of our connection with God.

3. Consistently applying Ephesians 5:1, 16-33 in marriage: Living in self sacrificing love (v.1), Living carefully, understanding God's will, yielding to the Holy Spirits control (16-18), Living with an attitude of gratitude (v. 20), Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ (v. 21), Wives and Husband embracing their God given roles (v. 22-31).

4. Communicate with each other so as to understand and care emotionally for one another. Celebrating the gift of oneness in Christ by connecting spiritually, emotionally, physically, sexually, etc. A healthy growing marriage is characterized by healthy connecting.

We will continue this article with five more fundamentals in our next newsletter.

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Isaiah 58:11-12

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2015 Annual Report

- 60 Households counseled
- 16 Households were from within 50 miles of Cozad
- In addition to Nebraska, households came from South Dakota, Maine, Massachussets, Utah, Idaho, Iowa and Wyoming
- 3 Salvations
- 4 Conferences

Testimonies

A couple writes: *Thank you for the tremendous help in our counseling with you. We have benefited greatly from the experience.*

A couple writes: *Counting our blessings and you are one of them. So grateful for your caring for us and taking us to Jesus. God has truly removed every offense. We continue to walk in peace and harmony.*

A couple writes: *We both want to thank you for this ministry, and the time you spent with both of us.... God has truly provided a miracle using you, your heart, and your talents! We both feel that our marriage is stronger than before. Both the quality and quantity of our communication has improved, and we both believe that it has helped with our children as well.*

A couple writes: *The use of God's Word as the ultimate tool brought us understanding, comfort, and hope. We loved that the Bible was always open and His truths being poured out through you.*

Praise & Prayer Items

1. Excellent conference in Maine. Approximately 95 couples attended.
2. God's faithful provision in 2015. For all who faithfully pray and give to make this ministry possible.
3. For those coming for counseling. Appointments are booking into August. Pray that God prepares the hearts of all who come to experience the Lord's healing power in their lives. Also pray that those who have come will continue to use the Biblical tools they are given and pass those truths on to others.
4. Pray for those coming to take training in 2016. There is a tremendous need to get pastoral counselors trained.
5. For the extension of Restoration Ministries internationally through Ed and Norma Gaston's ministry in the Philippines. (Be sure to read the Philippine update.)
6. For the Lord to give wisdom and power in helping people resolve spiritual strongholds.

Report From The Philippines: Ed & Norma Gaston

- Radio ministry "HeartCare" airs every Monday for one hour. People are clamouring to have more air time.
- Two weekly mentoring classes with 20 trainees, using materials received from Restoration Ministries. Pray for the multiplication of pastoral counselors.
- Marriage and Parenting Seminars in 4 schools in 4 provinces in Mindanao. Parents are being trained to lead seminars in public schools. Reports are that school attendance and student performance went up considerably as parents got involved in their children's schooling and learned godly parenting.
- Continued training of Christian leaders and their wives in several other Asian countries to strengthen believers in godly marriage and parenting. After 3 years of teaching what God's Word teaches about marriage and family, there is a gradual revival in the Christian communities through those who have attended the seminars.