

RESTORATION Ministries



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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

Life isn't a trip but a journey! We began our journey of marriage 44 years ago June 1. It continues to be a great journey with Jesus Christ. When we journey with Jesus what will we experience? What did the Lord's disciples experience as they journeyed with Jesus?

1. **The Power of His Provision** as He fed thousands with a young boy's lunch placed in the hands of God (Matt. 14:14-21). Before we married we surrendered ourselves and what we had into the hands of the Lord Jesus. He's used that to bless and help others.

2. **The Power of His Protection** when they were in a boat in a terrible storm. He came and calmed the storm (Matt. 14:25-33). We thank Him for revealing Himself and protecting us during the various trials of life.

3. **The Power of His Presence** (Matt. 14:34-36). The disciples watched as many who needed healing sought Jesus. People begged for permission to just "touch the hem of His garment." When they did they "were made perfectly well." We have witnessed again and again the power of His presence to bring healing to broken hearts and marriages. (Be sure to read the testimonies at the right.)

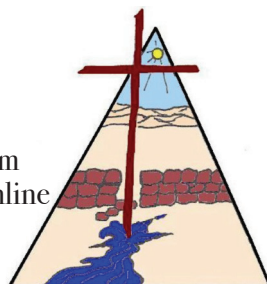
4. **The Power of God's Word** (Matt. 15:22-28). A mother, whose child was severely tormented by a demon asked for help. Jesus just spoke the Word and the demon had to leave. The child was instantly healed. We have repeatedly witnessed the power of the Word of God in delivering people from the strongholds the enemy has held in their lives.

As the disciples and others experienced the Power of Jesus they worshipped and gave God the glory (Matt. 14:33, 15:25, 31). Thank you for partnering with us on our journey with Jesus. We also want to encourage you to reflect on how He has revealed Himself on your journey and worship Him.

Journeying Together with Jesus,
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Isaiah 58:11-12

Testimonies

A husband writes: *Thank you for the incredible love & care you showed us. The complete change we experienced in our marriage is amazing! Our relationship is so incredibly different & better, it almost feels magical, but distinctly different without all the baggage and damage . . . hard to explain to others and even understand ourselves . . . but so thankful!"*

A wife writes: *"We've been serving each other in more ways than one, looking into each other's eyes, being comfortable enough to share how we're really feeling and using our communication tools to talk about those things. All glory to God!"*

A spouse who came with their spouse several years ago writes: *I just wanted to let you know how much your ministry has helped us. We love and understand each other so much better, enabling us to love and understand others. The LORD has used you mightily to bring truth to the Bride of Christ.*



"Essentials for Enjoying Marriage" conference in Lincoln, NE. in March



Praise & Prayer Items

1. We are celebrating 44 years of marriage and serving our Lord Jesus together.
2. For the team of people and local churches God has brought alongside this ministry enabling us to see the Lord work powerfully in those who are seeking help.
3. For the healing of hearts and relationships through Jesus Christ.
4. For the opportunity to provide aftercare through monthly webinars and teaching videos on our website.
5. For God's faithful provision and those who have partnered with us in prayer and giving to make this ministry possible. Not charging for counseling, makes it possible for couples with limited incomes to receive help. However, gifts from clients so far this year has been less than half of normal client giving. Pray God raises up additional individuals or churches to help support the ministry on a regular basis.
6. For our board members and their wives. (Pastor Scott & Keri McClellan - Valentine, Paul & Julie Pack - Lexington, Rich & Leann Woollen - Ord, Alan & Monica Dawson - Lincoln)
7. For reports of many of our alumni couples who are having a positive impact on their families, churches, and communities in ministering Christ's love to others.

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Insights for Relationships

by Pastor Roger Daum



In our last "Insights for Relationships" I shared 3 of 6 warning signs God gives in the book of Hebrews to help us safely arrive at our eternal destination. These warnings also have a very practical application for marriage and family relationships?

1. **"Pay more careful attention ... so we do not drift away." (Heb. 2:1)** – Do not drift away from God and applying His Word to our lives and relationships, resulting in a relationship wreck that hurts others and ourselves.
2. **"Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." (Heb. 3:7-15)** – The Israelites who refused to walk by faith and enter the Promised Land hardened their hearts. The writer of Hebrews warns us not to be like them, but to "encourage one another daily, ..., so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness" (v.12-13). Broken relationships are the result of the hardening of the heart.
3. **Do not stay spiritually immature. (Heb. 5:12-14)** – These believers were still in need of "milk," spiritual babies "unskilled in the Word of righteousness." They heard God's Word but did not apply it and remained spiritually stunted. Spiritual immaturity adversely affects our relationship with God and others.
What are the final 3 warnings found in Hebrews?
4. **Do not neglect fellowshiping with other believers. (Heb. 10:24-25)** – These believers were going through trials. Some were neglecting gathering together with other Christians (church attendance). When this happens, Christians begin to grow spiritually cold just as live coals in a fire quickly die down when separated from other burning coals. Instead, we are to

"consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Our involvement with other believers stimulates us to grow in love and enhances godly relationships.

5. Do not become bitter or fall into sexual sin. (Heb. 12:15-16) - These believers were experiencing persecution and abuse and were in danger of missing the grace of God that would enable them to forgive. Bitterness troubles the carrier and defiles others around a bitter person. The writer goes on to warn, "See to it that no one is sexually immoral or godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights." In Heb. 13:4 we read, "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." Unresolved bitterness in the heart often opens a person or spouse up to sexual temptation and sin. Bitterness and sexual sin destroy relationships and we must not allow these sins to become a part of our lives.

6. "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have." – (Heb. 13:5a) The pursuit of temporal values results in misplaced priorities which results in relationships with God or people being neglected. We must keep the Lord Jesus first in our lives. He will fill our hearts with true contentment and enable us to find a proper balance that enhances our relationship with God and our families.

May God help us heed these warning signs and experience the blessing the Holy Spirit conveys at the close of this marvelous book. "May the God of peace, ... equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." (Heb. 13:20-21).

Report From The Philippines: Ed & Norma Gaston

We have had the privilege in recent years to partner with Ed and Norma Gaston from the Philippines. Ed and Norma have a fruitful ministry of equipping believers in the Philippines and other Asian countries with the truths of God's Word to be "People Helpers". Here are a few recent highlights of their ministry. Please pray for them and those who assist them.

1. 90 households counseled
2. Weekly "Heart Care" broadcasts on Christian radio to train pastoral counselors.
3. Seminars and conferences teaching the truths of God's Word to equip people to resolve personal and relationship challenges. This includes trips into other Asian countries to teach on marriage enrichment, parenting, lay counseling and training for pastors and their wives.

Ed and Norma pass this word of thanks on to those who pray for them.

"We thank you so much for your prayers and partnership. We do remember you always in our prayers. We greatly appreciate your love, concern and care for us. All glory to God. God richly bless you and your family. Mt. 20:28; I Cor. 15:58."

Below are photos of the Gastons' ministry:



Ed & Norma Teaching

Financial gifts for the Gastons and their ministry can be sent through Restoration Ministries. Just designate your gift for "Gaston Support".

Parenting Seminars



Marriage & Ministry Seminars

