

RESTORATION Ministries



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

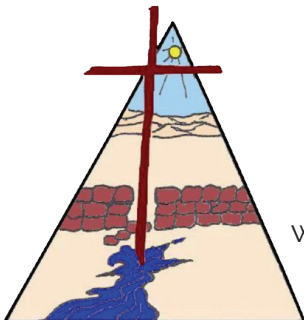
Encouragement is so important in life. We all need encouragement and need to be encouragers. Encouragement is the action of giving someone support, confidence, and hope or the persuasion to believe or do something. Our God is a God of encouragement and gives us encouragement through the Scriptures (Rom. 15:4-5).

Barnabas was called the "son of encouragement" (Acts 4:36). A study of his life shows the positive impact he had on believers through encouraging them. He encouraged the early church to accept Saul, a persecutor of believers, after Saul was saved on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:27-28). Saul became the apostle Paul. Church leaders sent Barnabas to Antioch to confirm Gentiles were being saved through the spreading of the gospel. When Barnabas got there he "saw the evidence of the grace of God" in saving them and "encouraged them to remain true to the Lord with all of their hearts". He came along side John Mark (the writer of the gospel of Mark) after he had failed (Acts 15:37-39), and developed this young man into a committed follower of Jesus. Paul later told Timothy, "John Mark is helpful to me in my ministry" (2 Tim. 4:11b).

It's our desire to continue to be an encouragement to God's people (married couples, individuals), so they can grow in Christlikeness and encourage the people around them to experience the God of encouragement. Thank you for being faithful encouragers to us and this ministry through your prayers and financial support.

Please take a few minutes to look over this newsletter to see how God is using you as you partner with us.

In Christ and For His Kingdom Purposes,
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Testimonies

A wife writes: "Thank you so much for everything you did for us! It is absolutely amazing how Jesus uses you and your wife in such a unique way and we will forever be grateful for what you did for our marriage."

A husband writes: "Thank you for a week filled with guidance in love Through Jesus Christ. My wife and I were richly blessed throughout the week."

A pastor writes: "On behalf of our elders, thank you for your investment into the lives of countless people in the area of counseling. We are thankful for your desire to guide people in the truth of God's Word and encouraging them to experience freedom in Christ."

A supporter writes: "My own life has been deeply affected by your ministry and now it is a joy to see the Lord enlarge your borders."



Praise & Prayer Items

1. We celebrated 49 years of marriage June 1. We praise the Lord for His goodness and grace to us and our family.
2. Our marriage conferences in Winner and Sisseton, SD, were attended by approximately 75 couples. The Lord worked in hearts and there was an excellent response.
3. Pray for the preparation of hearts for those scheduled to come for counseling. Our 2023 schedule is nearly full.
4. For our trained counselors helping people in their localities. It's great to hear reports of God using them. Pray God raises up individuals and churches to help support their counseling ministries. Carol Thompson from North Carolina completed training recently and is now counseling women.
5. Pray for 4 individuals currently taking training.
6. Our partners in the Philippines (Ed and Norma Gaston) continue to train lay pastoral counselors in the Philippines and SE Asia. Three groups have graduated and received graduation certificates from Restoration Ministries. Roger participated online at the graduation of 47 of these graduates from the 2nd graduating class. Pray God uses these graduates to share the truths of His Word in a way that brings people to experience the saving and healing power of the Lord Jesus in their lives and relationships.



Resources for You!

Many of our teaching webinars and notes are available for your use. Just visit restorationministriesonline.org and click the "MORE" tab.

Insights for Relationships

In Mark 7:31-37 we find the account of the Lord Jesus healing a man who was deaf and unable to speak. This passage illustrates how the Lord is able to bring healing and restoration to broken relationships. What can we learn from this passage about healing broken relationships?

1. There were **caregivers** who brought this man to Jesus and “begged” Him “to place His healing hand upon the man.” We don’t know if these caregivers were family or friends. We do know they believed Jesus could heal him, and they begged Him to do so. When people have broken hearts or experience broken relationships, they need caregivers who will help bring them to Jesus and intercede for them. Who has God put in **your life** that needs a caregiver to bring them to Jesus and intercede for them?
2. What did Jesus do to bring healing to this man? What does the Lord Jesus do as we bring hurting people to Him? He took this individual “away from the crowd and put His fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue” (v. 33). **Jesus privately cared for Him and touched the troubled areas of the man’s life.** Jesus cares for each of us individually and the troubled areas of our lives and for those we bring to Him. How does Jesus want you to care personally and privately for another person’s struggles so you can help them bring that problem to Jesus?

Then Jesus looked to heaven and spoke two words of healing over this man (v.34). **His powerful words, “Be opened”** resulted in the man’s ears being opened, and his tongue loosened and he began to speak plainly. Likewise, as you and I bring people with wounded hearts and spiritual problems to the Lord Jesus, He’s able to speak His powerful love and truth into their hearts so they can be set free to love and live abundantly in Christ (Jn. 10:10b).

3. We must notice people’s summary of what the Lord Jesus did in this man’s life. They said with amazement, “**He has done everything well**” (v.37). When we participate in bringing people who have experienced broken hearts and relationships to Jesus we will discover the work He does in their hearts and lives will be a **good work** that results in their experiencing growth and freedom in Christ.