

RESTORATION *Ministries*



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

In Mark 6:53-56 we find the account of people bringing those who needed physical healing to Jesus. They cared enough to use their time, energy, and resources to bring people to Jesus and "begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment" (v. 56) to be healed.

They knew He would heal them.

They knew if they could just bring these friends and loved ones to Jesus, He would heal them. We read "as many as touched Him were made well."

We thank you for standing with us through prayer and/or financial support and encouragement in 2022 to help give married couples, individuals, and families the opportunity to experience the Lord's healing work in their lives and relationships. We just completed our 17th year of ministry through Restoration Ministries and look forward to seeing what God has in store for 2023. We are including (or attaching) our 2022 annual report.

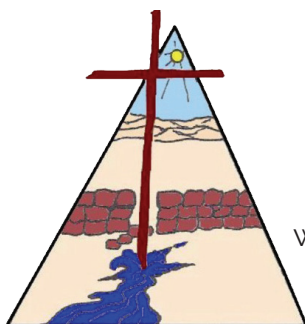
Please read the annual report and rejoice with us in what our God is doing through your partnership with us to help bring people to the Lord Jesus.

In Christ and For His Kingdom Purposes,

Roger and Brenda Daum
Restoration Ministries

Praise & Prayer Items

1. Praise God for His faithfulness through the past 17 years of ministry.
2. For our "Tools for Your Relationship Toolbox" marriage conference in Winner SD Feb. 10-11. Pray for the Lord's blessing upon all who attend, and for His anointing as we teach.
3. For our trained counselors helping people in their localities. Pray God raises up individuals and churches to help support their counseling ministries.
4. Pray for 3 individuals currently taking training to be pastoral counselors. Another couple begins training this summer. Praise God for technology making it possible to train remotely.
5. For our Restoration Ministries Board and their spouses.
6. That God will direct those of His choosing to our offices for help. We get many calls or emails monthly from people desperately wanting help.



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Upcoming Events

Feb. 10-11

“Tools For Your Relationship Toolbox”

marriage conference in Winner SD.

March 24-25

In Sisseton SD at Family Life Church

See our website for additional
details for conferences:

Repairing Broken Hearts and Marriages

(restorationministriesonline.org)

Testimonies

A wife writes, *My husband and I are more appreciative of each other than ever. To be loved so well just makes life so much better. We're thankful to have grown so much closer to each other and have an even deeper emotional openness with each other.*

A wife writes, *I stand in amazement of God's faithfulness and the restoration of our hearts and marriage. Praise God for work being done here!*

A couple writes, *Thank you for allowing Jesus to work through you. The changes we are already experiencing are absolutely wonderful.*

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Insights for Relationships

I often hear from individuals or couples who are desperate because their life or marriage is in the process of being destroyed because of selfish sinful choices. Before this destruction takes place there is a downward progression in which Satan establishes strongholds of negative thoughts contrary to God's Word resulting in sinful attitudes and destructive behaviors.

In our last newsletter I began sharing with you the importance of believers in Christ being “on guard” (1 Cor. 16:13) to protect our marriages, families, local churches, communities, and the people we love. The word “guard” means to “be awake, vigilant” and is used 22 times in the New Testament and often in reference to Christians being spiritually awake and alert, as being opposed to being spiritually indifferent, apathetic, or listless.

To gain insight into what it means to be on guard as believers we must consider two groups of men in the Old Testament who were called of God to protect.

1. The **“gate keepers”** at Israel's Tabernacle and place of worship (1 Chron. 9:17-27). These men and their forefathers were priests responsible for guarding the gates to the tabernacle or temple. See page 2-3 of the [july2022newsletter.pdf](#) (restorationministriesonline.org) for insights into the Old Testament “gate keepers” and how we need to be gatekeepers.

2. The 2nd group were **“watchmen”** stationed in watchtowers on the city walls and were responsible for protecting towns and military installations from surprise enemy attack and other potential dangers. They sounded a loud trumpet to warn communities of impending danger from the outside. God appointed prophets as watchmen to warn His people (Jer. 6:17). In Hosea 9 :8 we read “The prophet is a watchman over Ephraim on behalf of God, yet traps are laid for him along all his paths, animosity rages against him in the land of his God.” People hated the prophets because they pointed out their sins and called them to repentance.

The prophet Ezekiel was appointed as a watchman for Israel. God told him “I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from Me” (Ezek. 3:17). God was about to bring judgment upon the Israelites because of their sin. Ezekiel was to warn them. In Ezek. 33:2-9 God told Ezekiel when a watchman blew their trumpet to warn the people, but people wouldn't listen, their blood would be upon their own heads because they had been warned and didn't respond to the warning. However, if the watchman saw danger coming and did “not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes someone's life, that person's life will be taken because of their sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for their blood.”

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We may wonder, does this principle apply to those who know and share God's Word today?

In Acts 18:6, Paul warned those who rejected the gospel "and said to them, "Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." In Acts. 20:26 he told the leaders in the church at Ephesus, "Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men."

In James 5:19-20 we read, "My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner (backslidden believer) from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins."

These and other Scriptures remind us we also have a responsibility to lovingly share God's Word of warning so people can avoid the consequences of sin and escape from the traps of Satan designed to destroy them. (cmp. 2 Tim. 2:24-26).

However, if the watchman sounded the warning and judgment came, God would not hold the watchman accountable because he had fulfilled what was in his circle of responsibility.

There is a need for Christians to be on guard as watchman today. What and who are we to guard and why?

1. We are to guard our own hearts. In Prov. 4:23 we read, "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life." The heart in Scripture refers to the mind, emotions, and our will. What we believe will affect our emotions and the choices we make. So, we must guard our minds and help guard the minds of those we are to lead and protect through the consistent meditation and application of God's Word (Rom. 12:1-2, 2 Cor. 10:3-5, Phil. 4:6-8).
2. We are to watch and pray so we do not enter into temptation (Matt. 26:41, Mk. 14:38). We must be alert for how Satan is going to bring temptation to us and our family and be prayerfully proactive to escape from the traps the enemy sets.
3. Those of us who are spiritual leaders (pastors, elders, husbands, parents, youth leaders, teachers, etc.) are to watch out for and guard the souls of those under our spiritual care because we will give an account to the Lord Jesus for how we have guarded those under our spiritual care (Heb. 13:17).
4. We are to be on guard against false teachers and doctrines contrary to the clear teaching of the Word of God (2 Pet. 2:1-3, 2 Tim. 4:3-5).
5. We are to fulfill our ministry—Paul urged Timothy to "be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." (2 Tim.4:5) This includes the ministry of being a protector to those whom God has given us to protect. How are we to do this? We are to "Do everything in love" (1 Cor. 16:14).

The Lord will enable and give you the wisdom to be the protectors He calls you to be.

Testimonies

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An individual writes, *I thank our Lord for this precious transformative time dedicated to freedom from sin, guilt, and shame, and estrangement from our gentle shepherd.*

A couple writes, *Thanks for taking the time to listen, validate and speak truth into our lives. We are excited to see how the Lord continues to grow us.*

A couple writes, *We feel very blessed to be ministered to from the Lord Jesus through you. The apartment was also a perfect refuge for our tired spirits.*

A couple writes, *Thank you for showing us how to reconcile and come together and for leading us to Christ, the best healer, comforter and counselor there could ever be.*

A couple writes, *We are so happy to leave our old relationship in the past! We are excited to have a fresh start.*

A husband writes, *I am a better husband, father, and servant to the Lord, because of the time we spent with you.*

Resources

You can access many resources (webinars and notes) on our website. Just visit restorationministriesonline.org and click the "MORE" tab.

