

# RESTORATION Ministries



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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

In Matthew 9:36-38 we read that Jesus "saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He

**The harvest is plentiful, but laborers are few.**

said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

We are thankful for the privilege of joining our Lord as He continues to care for those who need shepherding through pastoral counseling and relationship coaching.

Please take a few moments to read through this update and be sure to consider the role of "gatekeepers" in Bible times described in the "Insights for Relationships" segment. Thank you for continuing to stand with us through prayer and financial support.

In Christ and For His Kingdom Purposes,

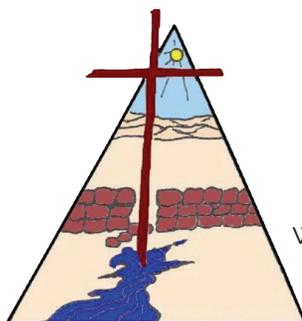
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Couple's Conference with Steadfast Bible Fellowship

## Praise & Prayer Items

1. For numerous reports we receive of continuing spiritual growth and progress in the lives of many we work with and seeing the way God is using them.
2. For excellent responses to conferences with two Nebraska churches in February and March.
3. For 8 salvations so far this year (3 couples and 2 individuals).
4. For interns who have been trained and are busy counseling in their localities. Pray God raises up individuals and churches to help support their counseling ministries.
5. Pray God raises up more interns to take training through Restoration Ministries and for those currently in training.
6. For Ed and Norma Gaston who continue to equip believers with God's Word to strengthen marriage and family relationships, and train pastoral counselors in the Philippines and Asia. They are using our "Equipping People to Help People" materials. Pray God will use this training to equip believers to be people helpers in these nations.



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Conference at Faith Evangelical Bible Church in Henderson, Nebraska

## Testimonies

**A young man writes:** “I’m experiencing incredible freedom and victory over things I never thought that I would be free from.”

**A couple writes:** “Thank you for leading us to places of healing with Jesus. We are going away very encouraged, filled with hope, and closer in our relationship.”

**A wife writes:** “Our lives and marriage are forever changed. Thank you for your compassion and gentleness as you walked

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## Insights for Relationships

If someone was breaking into our home with the intent to harm us and our family, what would we do? We would take whatever steps necessary to protect those we love. We live in a world in which Satan is constantly seeking to attack what is precious to God including marriages, and families.

In 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 we find 5 very important commands for Christians in the world in which we live. “Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.” All five commands are important. However, let’s consider # 3 and # 1 in which believers are commanded to “**be courageous**” and “**on guard**” as protectors.

Men and women of courage are not afraid. They are self-sacrificing, and run into danger instead of away from it. In 1 Samuel 17, David demonstrated courage. He ran towards the giant Goliath when everyone else was running away. He was not intimidated. Are we willing to lovingly confront sinful behaviors that destroy relationships? Are we willing to stand for Christ and His Word in our sphere of influence to be salt and light in a corrupt and dark world (Matthew 5:13-16)?

We are also to “be on guard.” 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. Paul used this word in Acts 20:28-31 when he warned the leaders of the church in Ephesus to “**keep watch**” over themselves and all the flock of God because “after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. **So be on your guard!**”

To gain insight into what it means to be on guard as believers let’s consider a group 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 and “were responsible for guarding the thresholds (gates) of the Tent” v.19.” In the O.T. God dwelt among His redeemed people in the tabernacle. There was an outer courtyard around the tabernacle and two rooms in the tabernacle. The Holy Place and the Holy of Holies where the presence of God resided and where the High Priest entered once a year to make atonement for the sins of the people.

In the N.T. God comes to indwell the body of a person when they are born again through trusting the Lord Jesus as their Lord and Savior (1 Cor. 6:19-20). Just as there were 3 parts to the tabernacle with its courtyard, likewise

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we as humans are made up of 3 parts, body, soul, and spirit (Cmp. 1 Thess. 5:23).

1 Chron. 9:22-27 tells us there were 212 gatekeepers chosen and appointed by King David and the prophet Samuel to this “trusted office.” They were in charge of guarding all the gates of the house of the LORD and keep people who didn’t qualify from coming into the house of the Lord.

Israel’s gatekeepers were descendants of **Phinehas, the grandson of Moses’s brother Aaron**. 1 Chron 9:20 tells us “In earlier times **Phinehas** son of Eleazar was the official in charge of the gatekeepers, and **the LORD was with him**.” What did Phinehas do many years before that resulted in these words being penned about him? In Numb. 25:1b-3 we read the men of Israel “began to indulge in sexual immorality with Moabite women, who invited them to the sacrifices to their gods. The people ate the sacrificial meal and bowed down before these gods. So, Israel yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor. **And the LORD’s anger burned against them**.” God sent a plague that killed 24,000 Israelites. What stopped this plague of judgment? There was an idolatrous Israelite man who brought a pagan woman into his tent near the tabernacle to have sex. **Phinehas, this gatekeeper at the House of the Lord**, took a javelin and went into the tent and thrust it through both of them. Phinehas’s judgement of this sin stopped the plague, and God told Moses “**Phinehas ... has turned my anger away from the Israelites, for he was zealous with my zeal**” (Numb. 25:11). In Ps. 106:30-31 we read, “But Phinehas stood up and intervened, and the plague was checked. This was credited to him as righteousness for endless generations to come.”

2. **How are we to be gatekeepers?** First of all we must guard our hearts (Prov. 4:23) and the hearts and lives of those we are to lead and protect. We must be on guard because Satan will seek to attack us and our family and the people we love. We must also guard our marriages from the subtle attacks of the enemy. We need to be gatekeepers in our churches to protect the Lord’s church from being defiled by sin and false teaching. We need to be gatekeepers in our communities, our state and nation through standing for the truth and for what’s right in God’s eyes in spite of opposition. In 1 Pet. 5:8-9a we read, “Be sober, be vigilant; because our adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith”

We want to encourage you to ask the Lord how He wants YOU to be a gatekeeper where He has placed you.

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## *Testimonies*

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*me to a point of great healing. A healing I didn’t even know was possible.”*

**A wife writes:** *“I am in awe of what God has done. There is truly a connection between my husband and I. We are changed forever.”*

**A wife writes:** *“We learned great tools to help us in our marriage and a great deal of healing.”*

**A couple write:** *“This week has been a time of restoration for us.”*

**A wife writes:** *“I can’t even begin to express how significant this week was to us.” Her husband writes: “You have brought God’s healing into my heart and marriage.”*



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