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Restoration
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The very things that have been meant for evil, God is able to use to bring good. Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery out of jealousy, but God used this act of jealousy to bring restoration to a nation. God restored to Job twice as much as he had before. Elisha prayed for the Shunammite's son and his life was restored. The Lord's heart is to restore what has been broken and lies in ruin. The Lord is good and His mercies endure forever. He is the restorer of purpose and destiny. He restores relationships. He restores vision and understanding. He is the restorer of finances and the restorer of health. He restores the land and nations and people groups. He restores our personal lives and our families.

To restore means to bring back or reinstate, to return or repair something or someone. Bringing back and reestablishing vigor and soundness, making beautiful and usable again what had been ruined. Restoration is a work of kindness and love. Restoration does not discard or throw away what has become marred but instead repairs and brings back purpose and position, seeing beyond the physical and superficial state of things. To bring restoration is to return to wholeness, to productivity, to vibrancy, to once again make desirable. In the same way that God brings restoration into our personal lives He wants to bring restoration into people groups and nations. His restoration says that we are all valuable to God.

Ephesians 4.10 TPT

The same one who descended [Jesus] is also the one who ascended above the heights of heaven, in order to begin the **restoration and fulfillment of all things.**

- To the many nations and people groups who live in this city we declare that restoration has come to Detroit and to you. Hope is being restored to you. Purpose is being restored to you. Vision is being restored to you.
- Today is a BRAND NEW DAY and it is a day of restoration, of being made new and whole again. What has been meant for evil is being turned around by the hand of God Almighty who is your redeemer. Open your eyes and see. Open your heart and receive the hand of God's mercy and love.
- We call the nations in this city into the new. We declare to you the door is open and the path has been made visible. Step in. Step in. This is the time to wake up and to move into your God-given purpose and destiny.
- Let go of your old sound and your old identity that will hold you back from your future. There is grace to release the old and take hold of the new. God is pouring out His grace upon all the nations – receive His grace.



Colossians 1.21-22 TPT reworded to speak to the nations

Even though you were once distant from him, living in the shadows of your evil thoughts and actions, **he is reconnecting you back to himself.** *He is releasing his supernatural peace to you* through the sacrifice of his own body as the sin-payment on your behalf so that you would dwell in his presence.

- God is calling the nations to Himself. This is time of turning and realigning.
- This is the day of salvation! This is the day of deliverance! This is the day of restoration!
- We declare to the nations – return to the Lord! Now is the time!
- We speak to those living in the neighborhoods and communities of Detroit and say hear the sound of the Lord, it is the sound of life and the sound of your future.
- This is an appointed time – we are calling you into the timing of the Lord. Do not be delayed or side-tracked. Turn your face to the Lord that you might find Him in the time of your need.



Psalm 51.12 TPT reworded to speak to the nations
Let passion for life as God would have it be restored in the nations, tasting joy in every breakthrough the Lord brings to them. Lord, hold the nations close – instill in the hearts of the people a willing spirit that obeys whatever you say.

Psalm 79.9 TPT reworded for the nations
O God of the breakthrough, for the glory of your name, come and help the nations! Forgive and restore them; heal them and cover them in your love.

Psalm 85.4 TPT reworded for the nations
So bring back the peoples of the nations to loving you, God our Savior. Turn their hearts so that they will never again feel your anger rise against them.

- To the nations we say, our God is a God of mercy – turn your hearts to Him.

Psalm 85.7 TPT reworded for the nations
Pour out even more of your love on the nations! Reveal more of your kindness and restore the nations back to yourself!

Psalm 126.4 TPT reworded for the nations
Now, Lord, do it again! **Restore the nations! May streams of your refreshing flow over the nations until their dry hearts are drenched again.**

Psalm 146.8 TPT
You open the eyes of the blind and you fully restore those bent over with shame. You love those who love and honor you.

- Again we declare to the people groups, turn your heart to the Lord for He is good!



Revelation 22.2 TPT reworded for the nations

The river was flowing in the middle of the street of the city, and on either side of the river was the Tree of Life, with its twelve kinds of *ripe* fruit according to each month *of the year*. The leaves of the Tree of Life are for the **healing of the nations.**

- There is a river flowing in Detroit – it is the river of God!
- And everywhere the river goes everything lives!
- To the nations and people of Detroit we declare to you that the life of God is here and healing has come to you!
- Receive! Receive restoration! Step into transformation!
- God’s provision is abundant! Prosperity and your future are here!

Psalm 24.7-9 TPT

⁷ So wake up, you living gateways!
Lift up your heads, you ageless doors of destiny!
Welcome the King of Glory,
for he is about to come through you.

⁸ You ask, “Who is this Glory-King?”
The Lord, armed and ready for battle,
the Mighty One, invincible in every way!

⁹ So wake up, you living gateways, and rejoice!
Fling wide, you ageless doors of destiny!
Here he comes; the King of Glory is ready to come in.

