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Forgiveness and Restoration
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Everyone needs God's Divine Forgiveness and Restoration... in every area of our lives... We must believe and receive completely His forgiveness and restoration in our own personal lives and then give it and declare it to our world.

This is the key to... Many receiving miracles... breakthroughs... healings... and answers to prayers and potions they have brought before God for years... when they step into the complete fulfillment of forgiveness and restoration in their own life and begin to show the same to others...

This is why your Backstory is never your Last Story...

Forgiveness and Restoration is the major theme of the entire Bible from beginning to end ... God has sought to forgive and restore mankind to His Original Intent... a relationship where man is one with his creator and they have and share life together. All of God's interaction with humanity is and has been for the purpose of forgiveness and restoration...

In the Garden God makes a covering for man when he falls and He declares there will be a day when the Seed of Man will crush the head of the adversary and sets in motion His eternal plan of forgiveness and redemption.

Think of all the people in the Bible who God raised up to overcome their backstory, not allowing it to be their last story... and the greatest will be His Nation... Israel.

Think about Rehab the harlot in Jericho... who ends up in the lineage of Christ as the great-great grandmother of David... **Matt. 1:5**

Think about Jacob the deceiver... who stole his brother's birthright... tricks his father-in-law out of his herd... sneaks off in the night... and then has his named changed by God to Israel... and has his relationship with his brother Esau restored... and becomes the namesake of God's Nation.

Think about David... who after being given a kingdom... lusts after another man's wife... commits adultery with her and has a child and has her husband killed... and yet his next son with Bathsheba is Solomon... who becomes the next king of Israel and the wisest and richest man who ever lived.

Think about Israel in the Book of Judges... every time they would turn away from God and then cry out for deliverance from their oppressors God would answer and raise up a leader to deliver them... until the next time... because the heart of God is always to forgive and to restore...to keep our backstory from becoming our last story.

It is no different today... Everyone in this room today has a backstory... but the good news of the Gospel is... Your Backstory will not be your last Story. The message and theme of the entire Bible and the Gospel of Jesus Christ is forgiveness and restoration... forgiveness opens the door to the complete restoration of God's original intent and purpose for our lives.

God creates nothing without purpose and everything He creates is to produce and bring forth increase... to be fruitful and to multiply... just as every seed does after its own kind. He is a God of increase and everything He creates is for the purposes of bringing increase to His kingdom.

The devils number one stated goal is to steal, kill, and destroy... and to cut off the increase of God's kingdom in the earth... especially the increase that God ordained to flow from each and everyone of our lives.

When God looks at us He only sees us in light of what He created us to produce... He is never moved by where we have been or what we have done, or by the circumstances that have surrounded our lives... He only sees us according to His purpose which He placed in us... in seed form... and He always seeks to forgive and restore us to His Original Intent and purpose for our life... to cancel our backstory and return us to His story for our lives.

Every seed has a preordained harvest or assignment set on the inside of it... if you would ... the original intent for which it was created.... So do you!

Our lives are given to us in seed form and we are given the ability to choose where we will sow it. The devils goal is always to offer us counterfeit soil... to produce a counterfeit harvest and to make us believe it is just the same or even better than God's Original intent for our lives... because he wants you to believe what he knows is not true.

Jesus declared in *John 12*...

"But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."

The key is choose the right soil to be sown into to release God's pre-ordained harvest for our lives... *Eph. 2:10* Ampl

"For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]."

Which means we can choose to walk in the transformation of harvest that comes from sowing the seed of our life into the soil of His kingdom which will release and produce the preformed harvest that is already inside of us and waiting to be birthed into the earth... with resurrection power!

What hinders us from choosing the right soil... and sowing our lives into the soil of God's kingdom to produce His preformed harvest through our lives?

It is The Backstory of our lives... but Jesus has come to free you from your past becauseThere is someone God needs to send you to... He needs you and I to go where He can only through us.

Engagement... No one was more engaging with people at the point of their need than Jesus... for the sole purpose of forgiveness and restoration and to cancel the backstory of their lives... and bring forth kingdom increase.

The Woman at the Well... The Man with a legion of demons... The Woman caught in the very act of adultery... Mary Magdalene who was possessed with 7 demons...Peter and his denial of Christ... Saul/Paul... The sick and the lame.

Our Spiritual DNA... DNA is given by impartation and gives us our true identity as sons and daughters... *Matthew 18:11*...For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost... those who carry His DNA inside of them.

There is only one passion in the heart of God and that is to save the lost! To declare to them His forgiveness and restoration... I believe...When we lose our passion for the lost we lose the heart of God.

Jesus was emphatic about why He came and what His purpose was! He was purposeful in His engagement with people... He knew He was here to do the will of the Father... He knew His direction... He was secure in His value... and He was affirmed of His identity.

His commission and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit upon our lives is for that same purpose and to fulfill the same passion He had for the lost... declaring the forgiveness and restoration of God to them.

Luke 19:9-10... And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, for so much as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

The DNA of God and His love and passion for the lost becomes ours when we are truly converted.... The thought of souls perishing in Hell when they could be saved becomes more than we can bear...

John 3:14-15

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

So.... We must go... We must give... We must speak... We must do whatever it takes, not matter the cost to seek and to save the lost!

Jesus came so we could have His life transferred into ours... His DNA imparted to us... His purpose released in us.

With the impartation of God's DNA comes the ability to see the world and those around us as God sees it...

Lost and without direction

Lost and without a true sense of value

Lost and with out their true identity as sons and daughters of God

Bound by the Backstory of their lives... not knowing they could be free.

My life was impacted, 47 years ago, by a man of God who carried in his heart the passion of God for the lost....

He lived to help the lost find the direction they needed...

He believed in the value that God saw in each of our lives...

He knew God would restore our true identity as sons...

He believed in... 2 Corinthians 5:19... that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and has committed unto us the word and ministry of reconciliation...

I received a transfer of that DNA into my life that has driven and carried me for the past 47 years to serve the Lord with a passion to see lives transformed by His forgiveness and restoration.... and there can be a transfer of His DNA into your life as well... it is an impartation of God given purpose and destiny through His forgiveness and restoration being received in our lives.

Something dramatic happens when we allow the impartation of His DNA into our lives to set the direction for our lives... to restore our value in life... and give us our true identity as sons and daughters of God... we begin to experience His life flowing through us and we find ourselves living our lives from the inside out... not from the outside in!

We can experience the fullness of God's Forgiveness and Restoration and declare our Backstory will not be our last story, being released to our purpose and taking this truth to our world !