

RESTORATION: THE STORM MEANT TO BREAK US GOD SENT TO MAKE US

Our Devotional this week offers a strong conclusion: moving from devastation → rebuilding → renewed strength → community → *restoration in Christ*.

Day Five – Rising Stronger

Scripture: *“And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.”* – 1 Peter 5:10

Every storm eventually passes, but its impact lingers. The debris may be cleared, the repairs may be underway, but scars—both visible and invisible—remain. And yet, in God’s hands, even scars can tell a story of His faithfulness. What once felt like an ending can become the beginning of something new.

Recovery is never just about getting back to “how things were.” God promises something far greater. He is the God who restores, strengthens, and establishes His children. That means He doesn’t just help us survive storms—He shapes us through them. He uses seasons of loss to deepen our faith, times of weakness to teach us dependence on His strength, and moments of uncertainty to anchor us more firmly in His promises.

When we rise after a storm, we do so with new vision. We see the fragility of life more clearly. We cherish community more deeply. We

appreciate small blessings we once overlooked. And we hold tighter to the God who brought us through. The storm does not define us—God’s faithfulness does.

The final step in recovery is choosing to believe that the future is not ruined by the storm, but renewed by it. God is already at work, doing more than we can ask or imagine. The promise of 1 Peter 5:10 is that suffering is not the end—restoration is.

Reflection:

- How have you seen God’s faithfulness during and after your storm?
- What lessons or strengths have you gained that you didn’t have before?
- How can your story of recovery become a testimony that encourages others?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You that storms are never the end of the story. Thank You for restoring, strengthening, and establishing me when I felt shaken. Help me to rise stronger—not just for myself, but as a testimony of Your faithfulness to others. May my life shine with the hope that, in Christ, every ending can lead to a new beginning. In Jesus Name We Pray, Amen.