

AFTER THE STORM

Day Five: Purpose Beyond the Storm

Scripture: *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” — 2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

Every storm leaves a story. When the winds fade, when the waters recede, when the rebuilding is done, what remains is a testimony of God’s faithfulness. The purpose of restoration is never just about us—it is about what God wants to do through us.

The Apostle Paul teaches us that the comfort we receive from God isn’t meant to be kept to ourselves. It’s meant to be shared. That means the grief you endured, the addiction you fought to overcome, the friendship you lost, or the financial hardship you survived are not wasted experiences. They are redeemed by God to give hope to someone else walking the same path.

Think about it: who better to encourage a grieving heart than someone who has walked through loss and found God’s presence in the valley? Who better to help someone fighting addiction than a brother or sister who has felt the chains break through Christ? Who better to speak hope into financial struggle than one who has seen God provide in impossible situations?

This is the beauty of God's restoration—He turns your pain into purpose. He transforms your scars into testimonies. He uses your survival as proof that His grace is greater than any storm.

You may not see the full purpose right away. Sometimes it takes time to understand how God is weaving your story into His bigger picture. But you can be certain of this: nothing you went through is wasted. Every tear, every prayer, every sleepless night has value in the hands of the God who makes all things new.

 **Reflection:** Who in your life needs to hear the comfort and hope you've received? How can you share your story in a way that points them to God's faithfulness?

The storm may have shaken you, but it did not destroy you. God has calmed the winds, helped you pick up the pieces, taught you gratitude for what remains, strengthened your foundation, and now calls you to live with purpose.

Your storm has passed, but your story has just begun. Walk forward knowing this: the God who restores is the God who will continue to guide you, use you, and sustain you in every season of life.

 **Prayer:** Father, thank You that my storm is not the end of my story. Thank You for comforting me so that I can comfort others. Use my testimony for Your glory. May others see Your faithfulness in my life and find hope for their own storms. In Jesus Name We Pray, Amen