



# Restoration

*Restoration: the action of returning something to a former owner, place, or condition.*

1. We rest securely in the hands of God and trust His timing.

2. Costly sacrifice is pleasing to God.

**Romans 12:1-2 (MSG)**

*So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. <sup>2</sup>Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God.*

3. God provides another opportunity for growth, responsibility, and obedience.



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## GENESIS 8 & 9

4. God's destruction of sin brings our restoration.

5. Restoration does not remove temptation.

**Romans 3:23-24** Contemporary English Version (CEV)

*All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. <sup>24</sup>But God treats us much better than we deserve,[a] and because of Christ Jesus, he freely accepts us and sets us free from our sins.*

## Discussion Questions

1. What big ideas/understandings will you take with you after reading Genesis 8 & 9 and listening to today's message? What reflections do you have? What connections did you make?
2. Discuss the last time you patiently waited on God and a time when you did not. What were the differences in those two experiences? What was revealed in you? How can we reprogram ourselves to wait in patient silence like Noah?
3. Why is costly sacrifice so challenging? How does our attitude change when we consider the sacrifice Christ made for us? What can you do to make your sacrifice "cost" more?
4. In Genesis 9, we see God provide mankind new opportunities for growth, responsibility, and obedience. What do growth, responsibility, and obedience mean to you right now in your life? In what areas of your life is God trying to cultivate growth? What responsibilities is God leading you to? Where do you need to consider more obedience to God?