

FROM BROKEN TO ONLINE

A RESURRECTION
JOURNEY

But may the God of all grace, who called us to
His eternal glory by Christ Jesus,
after you have suffered a while,
perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

1 PETER 5:10



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A Letter from Our Pastor



Let's Journey Together!

Beloved,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! As we approach this sacred season of Lent and Easter, I am filled with excitement and hope for what God is about to do in our lives and in our church family.

This year, we are embarking together on a powerful journey: From Broken to One: A Resurrection Journey. For forty days, we will walk with Christ from the valleys of our brokenness to the victory of His resurrection. Each day, you will find scripture, reflection, and practical ways to connect with God, your family, and community. This is not just a devotional; it is a call to experience the transforming power of God's grace in every area of our lives.

I want to personally invite you to join us on this journey. Take time each day to reflect, pray, and act. But don't stop there—invite others to come along. Your neighbor, your co-worker, your friend, your family member—anyone who needs hope, healing, and encouragement. Together, we will walk this path, bearing each other's burdens, celebrating God's faithfulness, and moving closer to the One who makes us whole.

Whether you are reading at home, gathering in a small group, or sharing with your children and youth, know that God's Spirit will meet you there. And at the end of these forty days, when we celebrate the resurrection, we will celebrate not just what Christ has done, but what He is still doing in our hearts and our lives.

I encourage you to open your heart, pick up your guide, and step boldly into this journey. Let us move together from broken to one, from darkness to light, from death to resurrection life.

With faith, hope, and love,

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Journey to the Cross

Our Lenten Journey

INTRODUCTION

“Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit.” Psalm 51:12

Lent invites us into sacred ground. It is not a season of hurry, performance, or pretending. It is a season of truth-telling about who we are, where we’ve been, and what God is still doing in us. As we enter this Lenten journey together, we do so anchored in our churchwide theme: Reset2Restore. This is a call to pause long enough for God to do some deep work—resetting what has been misaligned and restoring what has been worn down, broken, or buried beneath the weight of life.

The psalmist’s prayer becomes our own: “Restore to me the joy of your salvation.” Not just joy that makes us shout, but joy that steadies us. Joy that sustains us when the journey is heavy. Joy that reminds us we still belong to God, even when we are tired, grieving, or unsure.

Throughout these weeks, we will walk honestly through the terrain of Lent—moving through lament and truth, naming our pain and weariness without shame. We will confront what needs to be released, reset, and surrendered. We will learn again how to rest, because even in a season of reflection, God never intended for us to run ourselves into the ground. We will lean into grace and restoration, trusting that God does not expose us to leave us empty, but to heal us and make us whole.

Along the way, we will remember this: Christ walks with us. In the wilderness. In the waiting. In the unanswered questions. And as Resurrection draws near, we will discover that this journey—though heavy at times—is also holy, hopeful, and life-giving. God is not finished with us yet.

This is not a solo walk. We move together—praying together, resting together, lamenting together, and rising together. May this season reset our hearts, restore our spirits, and prepare us to live as people made new in resurrection glory. Come—let us walk this Lenten road together.

OUR ROADMAP

- ◆ 1 - Broken, But Honest
- ◆ 2 - Called By Grace
- ◆ 3 - God is Perfecting Us
- ◆ 4 - Established & Strengthened
- ◆ 5 - Settled at the Cross
- ◆ 6 - Made One in Resurrection Glory

BROKEN, BUT HONEST

"After you have suffered a while..."

DAY 1: LET'S BE HONEST ASH WEDNESDAY | FEB 18TH

Scripture: Joel 2:12-13

Focus: Returning to God with honesty.

Reflection: Lent begins not with answers, but with truth. God invites us to return—not pretending, not polished, but real. What feels broken or heavy in my life right now?

Prayer: Thank You for your grace. Help me renew my spirit during this Lenten season.

DAY 2: SUFFERING IS NOT THE END

Scripture: Lamentations 3:31–33

Focus: God's discipline is never His abandonment.

Reflection: Write one thing you've survived that didn't destroy you.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for your compassion and unfailing love.

DAY 3: CONFESSION & MERCY

Scripture: Psalm 51:1-3

Focus: Healing begins when we name what hurts and trust God's mercy more than our shame.

Reflection: What do I need God's mercy for right now? What have I been holding back from confession?

Prayer: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

DAY 4: BROKEN TOGETHER, NOT ALONE

Scripture: Romans 8:18-23

Focus: Pain is real, but not the end

Reflection: Lent reminds us that suffering is part of the journey—but glory is coming. What am I hoping God will redeem?

Prayer: Thank you Lord, for looking beyond my faults. Help me remember that Your glory is coming.

Reset begins when we stop pretending and start telling the truth. God reveals what's broken so restoration can begin.

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

Sundays are not counted among the 40 days of Lent. Instead, they serve as moments to rest, worship, and reflect communally.

- What did I notice God revealing or healing this week?
- Where did I sense God's grace or strength?
- How does today's worship prepare me for the coming week?

BROKEN, BUT HONEST

“After you have suffered a while...”

DAY 5: PROVISION

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:8–9

Focus: Pressed but not destroyed

Reflection: Brokenness does not cancel God’s purpose. Even under pressure, God is still sustaining us. Where have I felt pressed but still standing?

Prayer: When I feel weak, anchor me in Your power so I can stand firm, endure faithfully, and keep moving forward.

DAY 6: NAMING THE BROKEN PLACES

Scripture: Psalm 34:18

Focus: God meets us in truth, not pretending.

Reflection: Where have you been carrying silent pain?

Prayer: Father God, I bring You my brokenness without shame. Meet me here.

DAY 7: HOW LONG?

Scripture: Psalm 13:1–2

Focus: Honest Lament

Reflection: God welcomes our “How long?” questions. Lament is faith that refuses to walk away. What question do I need to ask God honestly?

Prayer: God of mercy, I bring You my grief and my questions, trusting that You can hold what hurts and hear what I cannot fully name.

DAY 8: REST BEYOND THE RIVER

Scripture: Matthew 11:28–30

Focus: Rest for the weary

Reflection: Jesus does not demand strength from the broken—He offers rest. What burden do I need to lay down today?

Prayer: Teach me to lay my burdens down and receive the rest You promise to weary bodies and tired souls.

DAY 9: JESUS KNOWS SUFFERING

Scripture: Isaiah 53:3–5

Focus: Christ joins us in pain before delivering us from it.

Reflection: How does Jesus’ suffering change how you see your own?

Prayer: Thank You for keeping me.

DAY 10: GOD HAS THE FINAL SAY

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:10

Focus: Suffering is not wasted.

Reflection: God acknowledges our suffering—and promises restoration beyond it. Brokenness is not the final word.

Prayer: God, restore what has been broken, revive what feels depleted, and make me whole again by Your grace.



Sunday Pause

RESTING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

“Be still, and know that I am God.” -Psalm 46:10

Focus: Lent invites us to slow down. Today is not about doing more, but about being present with God.

Reflection: Where has your spirit felt hurried or overwhelmed this past week?

Practice for Today: Spend five quiet minutes in stillness. Breathe deeply. Let God meet you where you are.

Prayer: God, teach me to be still. Help me rest in Your presence and trust that You are at work even when I pause.

CALLED BY GRACE

"The God of all grace, who called you..."

DAY 11: JUST AS I AM

Scripture: Romans 5:8
Focus: Grace meets us where we are.
Reflection: God does not wait for us to be whole before calling us. Grace finds us in our broken places. Where have I experienced God's grace even when I felt unworthy?
Prayer: Thank You, God, for loving me as I am.

DAY 12: RESTING IN GRACE

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-9
Focus: Saved by grace, not works.
Reflection: Grace reminds us that restoration is God's work, not something we earn. Where do I need to release pressure to earn God's approval?
Prayer: Help me rest in Your grace.

DAY 13: HE KNOWS MY NAME

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-2
Focus: Called and claimed by God.
Reflection: God calls us by name and walks with us through difficulty. What does it mean for me to belong to God?
Prayer: Thank You for calling me Yours.

DAY 14: LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:9
Focus: Grace before purpose
Reflection: God's calling is rooted in grace, not performance. How does grace free me to walk in my calling?
Prayer: Lead me in Your purpose.

DAY 15: WALKING BOLDLY

Scripture: Hebrews 4:16
Focus: Confidence to approach God
Reflection: Grace gives us bold access to God, even when we feel unsure. What keeps me from approaching God boldly?
Prayer: Help me come to You with confidence.

DAY 16: ENOUGH

Scripture: John 1:16-17
Focus: Grace upon grace
Reflection: God's grace continues to meet us day after day. Where have I seen grace multiplied in my life this week?
Prayer: Thank You for grace upon grace.

Before God restores our lives, God resets our identity. We are called by grace, not defined by our brokenness.



Sunday Pause

REST AS RESISTANCE

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." -Matthew 11:28-30

Focus: Rest is not laziness—it is an act of trust. We resist the pressure to prove ourselves and receive God's grace.

Reflection: What burdens are you carrying that God is asking you to release?

Practice for Today: Let go of one unnecessary task today. Choose rest without guilt.

Prayer: Jesus, I bring You my weariness. Teach me how to rest in Your grace.

CALLED BY GRACE

"The God of all grace, who called you..."

DAY 17: HEALING FOR YOUR SOUL

Scripture: Psalm 147:3

Focus: God heals broken hearts.

Reflection: Healing is part of God's forming work. What wound needs God's healing touch?

Prayer: Heal me, Lord.

DAY 18: I WILL WAIT FOR YOU

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1

Focus: God's perfect timing.

Reflection: Formation happens in seasons. What season are you in right now?

Prayer: Help me trust Your timing.

DAY 19: TEACH ME

Scripture: Hebrews 12:11

Focus: Discipline leads to growth.

Reflection: God's correction is an act of love. How has discipline helped you grow?

Prayer: Teach me through correction.

DAY 20: A WORK IN PROGRESS

Scripture: Psalm 138:8

Focus: God will complete His work.

Reflection: What God begins, He finishes. How has my faith grown this week?

Prayer: Thank You for not giving up on me.

DAY 21: RESTORED IDENTITY

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Focus: God's grace restores who we truly are. When brokenness distorts our sense of self, God still calls to us.

Reflection: Where has brokenness caused you to doubt your identity, and how does God's grace redefine it? Write about the ways God is making you a new creation.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for seeing me as I am and making me new.

DAY 22: A WORK IN PROGRESS

Scripture: Philippians 2:13

Focus: Grace doesn't just forgive, it empowers us to live and act in ways aligned with God's purposes.

Reflection: Where do you need God's empowering grace to take the next step? Identify one area where you can rely on God's grace to act courageously.

Prayer: God, empower me by Your grace to live boldly and faithfully, trusting that You work through me for good.



Sunday Pause

REFLECTING WITH GRATITUDE

Scripture: Psalm 103:1-5

Focus: Today we pause to remember God's faithfulness. Gratitude grounds us and renews our hope.

Reflection: Where have you noticed God's presence or grace this week?

Practice for Today: Name three things you are grateful for and offer thanks in prayer.

Prayer: God, thank You for Your faithfulness. Open my eyes to see Your goodness even in small ways.

GOD IS PERFECTING US

"May He perfect you..."

DAY 23: TRUST THE PROCESS

Scripture: Philippians 1:6

Focus: God finishes what He starts.

Reflection: Even when progress feels slow, God is faithfully forming us. Transformation takes time and trust. Where do you see God working beneath the surface?

Prayer: Lord, help me trust Your process.

DAY 24: TRIALS MAKE US STRONG

Scripture: James 1:2-4

Focus: Trials produce maturity.

Reflection: Growth often comes wrapped in difficulty. God uses challenges to strengthen our faith. What trial is shaping you right now?

Prayer: God, give me patience as You grow me.

DAY 25: LIKE PURE GOLD

Scripture: Malachi 3:2-3

Focus: God refines us like Gold.

Reflection: Refining may feel uncomfortable, but it produces purity and purpose. What is God refining in your life?

Prayer: Purify my heart, O God.

DAY 26: TOGETHER AGAIN

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-6

Focus: God is the potter.

Reflection: We are shaped when we surrender control. Where do you need to yield to God's hands?

Prayer: Shape me according to Your will.

DAY 27: MORE LIKE JESUS

Scripture: Romans 8:29

Focus: Becoming more like Christ.

Reflection: God's goal is Christlikeness, not comfort. What Christlike quality do you want to grow in?

Prayer: Make me more like Jesus.

DAY 28: ENOUGH

Scripture: Colossians 2:9-10

Focus: Complete in Christ.

Reflection: Our wholeness comes from Christ alone. Where have you been seeking fulfillment outside of God?

Prayer: Help me rest in Your sufficiency.

Restoration is a process. God uses every trial to shape us, refine us, and move us closer to who we were created to be.



Sunday Pause

RESTING IN COMMUNITY

Scripture: Hebrews 10:24-25

Focus: Rest is also communal. We gather in worship, encouragement, and shared faith.

Reflection: How does worship with others strengthen your spirit?

Practice for Today: Engage fully in worship—sing, listen, pray, and receive.

Prayer: God, thank You for the gift of community. Renew my strength as I worship with others.

ESTABLISHED & STRENGTHENED

“Establish, strengthen, and settle you...”

DAY 29: ROOTED IN GOD

Scripture: Psalm 1:1–3

Focus: God establishes us by grounding our lives in what nourishes us spiritually. Stability begins at the roots.

Reflection: Where do you draw your strength when life feels uncertain? What spiritual practices help keep you rooted in God during challenging seasons?

Prayer: Root me deeply in You, so that no storm can uproot what Your love has planted.

DAY 30: STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY

Scripture: Isaiah 40:29–31

Focus: God strengthens us not to rush ahead, but to endure faithfully.

Reflection: What does it mean for you to wait on the Lord right now? Write about a time when God renewed your strength when you felt weary.

Prayer: Strengthen me for the work ahead and the remind me that Your strength is made perfect in my weakness.

DAY 31: FAITH THAT HOLDS

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1

Focus: Strengthened faith allows us to trust God even when outcomes are unseen.

Reflection: Where is God inviting you to trust without certainty? Name one situation where you are learning to walk by faith and not by sight.

Prayer: Lord, help me trust You beyond what I can see and feel.

DAY 32: STANDING FIRM

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10–13

Focus: God strengthens us so we can stand—not in our own power, but in God’s.

Reflection: What challenges are testing your spiritual endurance? How is God equipping you to stand firm in this season?

Prayer: When the ground beneath me feels uncertain, steady me, and help me stand firm in truth, justice, and love.

DAY 33: STRENGTHENED TOGETHER

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:9–12

Focus: God often strengthens us through community. We are not meant to stand alone.

Reflection: Who helps support your faith journey? Give thanks for someone God has used to strengthen or encourage you.

Prayer: Pray for your First Baptist Church family. Ask God to bind us together, God, so that what we cannot carry alone, we may carry together.

DAY 34: ANCHORED IN HOPE

Scripture: Hebrews 6:19

Focus: God establishes us with hope that anchors our souls, even amid uncertainty.

Reflection: What hopes are anchoring you during this Lenten journey? How has your understanding of hope changed since the beginning of Lent?

Prayer: Anchor my soul in You so I am not tossed by fear but held fast by hope.



Sunday Pause

HOPEFUL REST

Scripture: Romans 15:13

Focus: Even as we journey through Lent, Sunday reminds us that hope is alive. God is renewing us from the inside out.

Reflection: What are you trusting God to restore in your life?

Practice for Today: Rest in hope. Let joy and peace rise, even in unfinished places.

Prayer: God of hope, fill me with peace and joy as I trust You more deeply.

*What God restores,
God reinforces. We are
strengthened & established
so we can stand, serve,
and support one another.*

HOLY WEEK - SETTLED AT THE CROSS

“...and settle you.”

DAY 35: CLEARED FOR WORSHIP

Scripture: Matthew 21:12–13

Focus: Jesus clears the temple, reminding us that what is settled must also be purified.

Reflection: What distractions or habits might God be clearing from your heart? What needs to be overturned so your life can fully reflect God’s presence?

Prayer: Lord, help me remove the things in my life that keep me from your presence.

DAY 36: TEACHING IN THE TENSION

Scripture: Matthew 22:36–40

Focus: Even as opposition grows, Jesus centers love—love of God and love of neighbor.

Reflection: How are you living out love in difficult or tense situations? Where is God inviting you to choose love over fear or defensiveness?

Prayer: Empower me to choose love over fear and life over despair.

DAY 37: THE COST OF BETRAYAL

Scripture: Matthew 26:14–16

Focus: Holy Week invites us to confront uncomfortable truths and our own moments of compromise and betrayal.

Reflection: Where are you tempted to choose convenience over faithfulness? Offer God your honesty about where loyalty feels costly right now.

Prayer: Give me the courage to do hard things.

DAY 38: LOVE THAT SERVES

Scripture: John 13:3–5, 12–15

Focus: Jesus kneels to serve, redefining power and love.

Reflection: What does servant leadership look like in your daily life? How is God calling you to love more humbly and intentionally?

Prayer: Show me opportunities to serve others with love.

DAY 39: SETTLED AT THE CROSS

Scripture: Luke 23:44–46

Focus: At the cross, Jesus fully entrusts Himself to God. Here, we release our need for control.

Reflection: What do you need to place fully in God’s hands today?

Prayer: Write a prayer of surrender—naming what you are laying down at the cross.

DAY 40: WAITING IN THE SILENCE

Scripture: Psalm 130:5–6

Focus: God is still working, even when heaven feels quiet.

Reflection: How do you wait when answers feel delayed? What does trusting God in silence look like for you?

Prayer: Fill me with hope as I wait to hear from You.

At the cross, God completes the reset. We lay down what we cannot fix and rest in what Christ has already finished.



Sunday Pause

RESTING IN GOD’S FAITHFUL CARE

“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”

-1 Peter 5:7

Focus: Today is a reminder that God does not ask us to carry everything alone. Rest comes when we release our worries into God’s faithful care.

Reflection: What anxieties or concerns have been weighing on you during this season?

Practice for Today: Write down what is worrying you. Pray over it, then set the paper aside as an act of trust.

Prayer: Caring God, I release my worries into Your hands. Help me trust that You are holding me, even when I cannot see the way forward.



Resurrection is restoration fulfilled. In Christ, we are made one—renewed, united, and sent out in glory.

PRAYER:

GOD OF ALL GRACE,

THANK YOU FOR WALKING WITH US THROUGH EVERY STEP OF THIS JOURNEY. THANK YOU FOR MEETING US IN THE BROKEN PLACES AND RESTORING US WITH RESURRECTION POWER.

AS WE MOVE FORWARD, HELP US LIVE AS PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN RESET BY GRACE AND RESTORED BY LOVE. SEND US OUT TO CONTINUE THE WORK YOU HAVE BEGUN.

IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN CHRIST.
AMEN.

MADE ONE IN RESURRECTION GLORY

This journey has not been light. Lent asked us to slow down, to tell the truth, to sit with what was broken—within ourselves, within our communities, and within the world we love. There were days when the prayers felt heavy, when the scriptures pressed on tender places, when hope seemed distant. But we kept walking. We did not turn back.

And now—resurrection.

The resurrection does not pretend the suffering never happened. The risen Christ still bears the scars. Yet those scars are no longer signs of defeat; they are testimonies of God's restoring power. What was broken has been gathered. What was scattered has been made one.

This is resurrection glory.

Peter reminds us that the God of all grace meets us after we have suffered a while. Not before the pain. Not around the pain. But through it. God perfects, establishes, strengthens, and settles us—not to return us to who we were, but to restore us into who we are becoming.

This is the holy work of Reset2Restore.

To reset is to pause long enough to remember who God is and who we are in God. To restore is to trust that God can take what was worn down, fractured, and weary—and breathe new life into it. Resurrection is God's declaration that brokenness does not get the final word.

And yet, Easter is not an ending. It is a beginning. The stone has been rolled away, but the work continues. Resurrection sends us forward—into renewed relationships, into healed communities, into courageous love and faithful witness. We are called to live as people who have been restored, carrying hope into a hurting world.

So, take a breath.

Give thanks for how far God has brought you.

Honor the work God has done in you.

And then—keep going.

Because the same God who met you in brokenness now sends you out made one in resurrection glory.



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