

# Laying a new foundation to a better life

Rebuilding and Restoring what was lost

# What is lost

- Money can be restored.
- Property can be restored.
- Relationships can be restored.
- Time cannot be restored. Once time is gone, its gone.



# What leads to loss

## Satan

- **Accuser**

- 3 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan[a] standing at his right side to accuse him. 2 The Lord said to Satan, “The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?” 3 Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. 4 The angel said to those who were standing before him, “Take off his filthy clothes.” Then he said to Joshua, “See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you.” Zechariah 3:1-7

# What leads to loss

- Satan

- **Tempter** (1 Chronicles 21)

21:1 Satan rose up against Israel and incited David to take a census of Israel. 7 This command was also evil in the sight of God; so he punished Israel. 8 Then David said to God, “I have sinned greatly by doing this. Now, I beg you, take away the guilt of your servant. I have done a very foolish thing.” 9 The Lord said to Gad, David’s seer, 10 “Go and tell David, ‘This is what the Lord says: I am giving you three options. Choose one of them for me to carry out against you.’”

# What leads to loss

- The Lord was angry that David allowed Satan to deceive him

<sup>11</sup> So Gad went to David and said to him, “This is what the LORD says: ‘Take your choice: <sup>12</sup> three years of famine, three months of being swept away<sup>[a]</sup> before your enemies, with their swords overtaking you, or three days of the sword of the LORD—days of plague in the land, with the angel of the LORD ravaging every part of Israel.’ Now then, decide how I should answer the one who sent me.”

- You lose when you listen to the wrong voice.

# What leads to loss

- Satan
  - Tempter

<sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted<sup>[a]</sup> by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. Mark 1:12-13

Satan tempts you at your weakest place. However, your weakest place is your strongest place.

# What leads to loss (Ourselves)

## **Procrastination**

- The craving of a sluggard (procrastinator) will be the death of him, because his hands refuse to work. Proverbs 21:25
- “We must all suffer from one of two pains: the pain of discipline or the pain of **regret**. The difference is discipline **weighs ounces** while **regret weighs tons**.” Jim Rohn
- “Discipline equals Freedom.” -Jocko Willink

# What leads to loss (Ourselves)

## **Wrong timing**

*There is a proper time and procedure for every matter ..."* Ecclesiastes 8:6

*...there will be a time for every activity, a time to judge every deed"* Ecclesiastes 3:17

“Lord, show me the proper time!”

# What leads to loss (Ourselves)

## **Making Minor things into Major things**

- *he who follows empty pursuits will have poverty in plenty"* Proverbs 28:19

## **Lack of Planning**

- "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you" (Luke 14:28–29)

# We all have experienced loss, so how do we rebuild?

- Reinforce the Foundation
- Renew our Vision
- Release the pressure
- Refocus
- Rebuild

# Reinforce our Foundation(Foundations Principles)

- The Bible doesn't teach us how to escape the storms of life, but how to weather them.
- Whatever is built above you must be secured below within you.

## **Matthew 7:24-27**

- “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

# Foundation Principles

## **Three forces of Danger**

1. Rain (tricking in or steady)
2. Floods (heavy downpour)
3. Winds (forceful movement)

## **Two types of Builders**

1. Wise (has knowledge, wisdom)
2. Foolish (uninformed, unwise)

And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

# Foundation Principles

**To have sustaining power during a storm you must:**

- Hear His words (Reading your word, Meditating, etc.)
- Do what you heard (Respond to His voice, and His word)

*“Right hearing leads to right doing.” K. Currey*

Only hearing will not work. James 1:22-23

Only doing will not work.

The twins **Grace and Mercy** has an older set of twins named **Hearing and Doing.**

# Renew our Vision

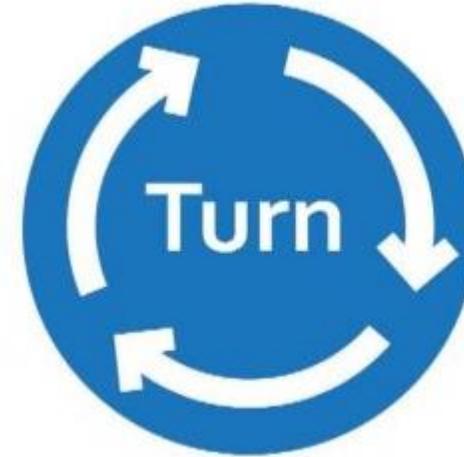
- **Open the eyes of your heart**
- I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe.” (Ephesians 1:18-19)
- 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their **ignorance and hardness of heart**. 19 They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. Eph 4:18–19.

# Renew our Vision

- **Open the eyes of your heart**
- **12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, **let us throw off** everything that **hinders** and the **sin** that so easily entangles. And let us **run** with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> **fixing our eyes** on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

# Release the Pressure

- Psalm 32:3-6 New International Version (NIV)
- <sup>3</sup> When I kept silent,  
my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> For day and night  
your hand was heavy on me;  
my strength was sapped  
as in the heat of summer.<sup>[a]</sup>
- <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you  
and did not cover up my iniquity.  
I said, “I will confess  
my transgressions to the LORD.”  
And you forgave  
the guilt of my sin.
- <sup>6</sup> Therefore let all the faithful pray to you  
while you may be found;  
surely the rising of the mighty waters  
will not reach them.



- Pressure into Passion
- Passion into Purpose
- Purpose into the Promise

# Refocus

- As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”
- “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.
- John 9:1-3



# Rebuild

- “Again I will build you and you will be rebuilt, O Israel!” Jeremiah 31:4
- “See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.” (Jeremiah 1:10)

# Rebuild

- “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” (Jeremiah 31:31–34)

# Rebuild

- 10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. 11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— 13 the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. 14 If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. 15 If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.
- 16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?b 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. 1 Co 3:10–19.
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