

Renewed Spirit Outline

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When we invite Jesus into our lives to forgive us and to give us strength to live differently, our spirit, our soul, is renewed.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

1. A RENEWED SPIRIT IS A CLEAN SPIRIT

Psalm 51:10-12

“Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from Your presence,
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.”

- The state of our spirit effects our connection with God.
- David prayed for renewal. A renewed spirit within him.

The biblical account of a man named Zacchaeus.

Luke 19:1-4

“Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.”

- A chief tax collector and he was rich.
- Key to a renewed spirit: Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus.

2. OUR DESIRE FOR JESUS IS SEEN IN OUR ACTIONS

Luke 19:5-10

5-7 “And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.”

8-10 “Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

- This was God’s way of saying, “no one is too far gone that I will not come to rescue them”.
- The real question is how do we respond?
- If our sin has harmed others, we demonstrate our desire for Jesus by making it right.
- If our sin harms our relationship with God, we demonstrate our desire for Jesus by making a change.

3. RENEWAL REQUIRES REPENTANCE

Acts 3:19 “And now you must repent and turn back to God so that your sins will be removed, and so that times of refreshing will stream from the Lord’s presence.” (TPT)

- The word repent means to make a one-hundred-and-eighty-degree turn. It means to no longer continue on the trajectory of life we have chosen. It means to turn around.

4. BE TRANSFORMED BY GRACE

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- The grace of God cannot be earned. It is a free gift that is extended to each one of us.
- All we do it receive it, embrace it and be transformed by it.

God, forgive me for my sin. I know it hurts your heart and disconnects me from you. Fill me with your spirit and empower me to live a life that is in line with your will. Thank you for sending Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. I once was lost but now I am found. In Jesus Mighty Name, Amen.