

Lives Being Restored
“Original Design” 1 Peter 2:4-9
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Vision Statement:

*“Restoring people to the Father’s heart,
Growing disciples and leaders in Christ’s likeness, and
Reaching nations in the Spirit’s power.”*

FOCUS: “Restore” – bring back to the original state, return to former condition or position; repair or renovate. Entering into a restoration process **implies value and worth** in the piece itself. **Also implies Original Design; a plan...God’s blueprints.**

God is the “Master Craftsman” taking the ugly and broken and making it beautiful, valuable & useful. The Carpenter from Nazareth restores damaged, and worn from years of use. **Jesus promises to restore us:**

- 1. Individual Restoration:** Salvation (spiritually, emotionally, physically)
Job 33:26 *He prays to God and finds favor with him, he sees God’s face and shouts for joy; he is restored by God to his righteous state.*
- 2. Relational Restoration:** Reconciliation
Ephes. 2:19 *And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*
- 3. Eternal Restoration:** The second coming of Christ **Acts 3:20**

TEXT: 1 Pet. 2:4-9

vs. 5 *“...you also, like living stones, are being **built into a spiritual house** to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”*

Question: *Where are you at in the “restoring” process?*

I. God’s “Original Design” (Blueprints)

Jer. 29:11 *For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD...”*

A. We were created with Spiritual **WORTH** - In God’s **IMAGE.** Gen. 1:27, 31 (very good)

1. For Secure RELATIONSHIP – Gen 2

2. For Significant PURPOSE – Gen. 1:26, 1:28; 2:15 “Ruler-ship”

B. Because of our **VALUE** God sent Jesus to **RESTORE** our “Original Design” Col. 1:19

*** What in your life would change if you knew without question your value as a child of God?**

Jer. 15:19 *Therefore this is what the LORD says: “If you repent, I will **restore** you that you may serve me.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 *“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”*

Let Jesus the Master Carpenter continue to restore you and build us all into a “spiritual house” together.