chapter five - restored

1 Peter 5:10 says, “After your season of suffering, God in all His grace will restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.” (ESV)

_________________________ is necessary.

Without ____________________, there is no time of ____________________.

Without reflection, we don’t realize the need to _____________________. Repenting removes the _________________ between you and a relationship with _________.

Repenting __________________ your relationship with God.

Reflection is defined as:14

- A _____________________, idea, or opinion formed as a result of meditation
- Consideration of some subject matter, idea, or _________________
- The production of an image by or as if by a _________________

A little background on the book of _________________:

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Today, we are going to settle into a section written for the ________________
that includes a couple of events in the life of ________________. Who was he?

Notes on this:
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Some important background information about ________________:

- Acts 7:58 says, “And when they- the council of priests- had driven him- Stephen- out of the city, they began stoning him, and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.”

- Acts 8:1 says, “And Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death.”

We will begin our story with Saul on his journey to _________________.
He was on a mission from the high priest to arrest any/all ________________
in Damascus and return with them to Jerusalem to _________________.

Turn with me to Acts 9:1-9.
In verse 3, Jesus says, “Saul, Saul, why are you ____________________________ me?”

Who was Jesus referencing? ____________________________________________________

Notes on this:
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Without his sight, he was free from _______________________. Without food or drink, his thoughts were _______________. In those quiet moments, he heard from ________.
Read Acts 9:10-20. Notes on this:

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Saul __________________________ began preaching in Damascus, proclaiming the Good News, telling everyone he encountered about ________________________________.

**NOTE:** Paul himself retold this very story in Acts 22:3-16.

From that moment on, Paul was a ________________________. Acts 13:9 tells us that “Saul, who was also known as Paul, who was filled with the Holy Spirit…”

**NOTE:** The name “Saul” means ____________________________, but the name “Paul” means ________________________.

Paul spent the next 20+ years traveling as a missionary. Notes on this:

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Here is the thing about Paul: In his early life, he was literally a _________________________. He sought out followers of Jesus to ___________________ or ___________________.

Yet, in his later years, he was the one who _________________ the _________________.

Notes on this:

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Turn to Acts 16:16-24.

Let’s start with the girl:
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______________________________________________________________________________

She kept crying out, “These men are bondservants of the ____________________________, who are proclaiming to you the way of ________________.”

Verse 18 tells us that “Paul was ______________________________.”

Notes on this:
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______________________________________________________________________________

Whatever the reason, we are very clear on what Paul did about the issue. In the name of Jesus Christ, he commanded the evil spirit to ________________________________.

But it’s what happens next that is the real reason for us digging into this story…

Notes on this:
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Who are the magistrates? ________________________________

The magistrates did not ____________________ the charges, or hold a ________________, or give Paul and Silas a chance to ____________________ themselves.

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Instead, they beat them with ________________, allowed the ________________ to control the outcome, and threw them ____________________.

Notes on this:
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Paul and Silas were tortured! And then they were thrown into the _______________… in the innermost portion of the prison.

Notes on this:
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Read Acts 16:25-26. Notes on this:
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Let’s see what happened next. Read Acts 16:27; then Acts 16:28-34. Notes on this:
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The jailer said, “What must I do to be ___________________________?” (v.30)

Just ________________, they said. Believe in the ________________________________.
The next day, the chief magistrate sent word that Paul and Silas were to be
__________________________________________

No matter what our past contains, it does not _______________________ our future.

If Paul had not gone through a period of ________________________, he would not have taken the time to ____________________ and _______________________. If he had not repented, he would not have been _____________________________.

What is God doing in your life RIGHT NOW to prepare you for your future?

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