



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 _____.

Repeating _____ 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 _____:

¹⁴<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/reflection>

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:

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.



Notes on this:

In verse 3, Jesus says, "Saul, Saul, why are you _____ me?"

Who was Jesus referencing? _____

Notes on this:

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:

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:

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:

Turn to Acts 16:16-24.

Let's start with the girl:

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:

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:

Who are the magistrates? _____

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

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

Notes on this:

Paul and Silas were tortured! And then they were thrown into the _____... in the innermost portion of the prison.

Notes on this:

Read Acts 16:25-26. Notes on this:

Let's see what happened next. Read Acts 16:27; then Acts 16:28-34. Notes on this:

The jailer said, "*What must I do to be _____?*" (v.30)

Just _____, they said. Believe in the _____.

Notes on this:

The next day, the chief magistrate sent word that Paul and Silas were to be

_____.

Notes on this:

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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