

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Sunday, April 28, 2024



10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: **RESTORATION**
Galatians 5:26-6:5
Pastor Gary L. Stump

Don't we all know people who need us to work for their restoration? Do we know people who need us to help them carry their burdens? How do we restore those who are getting off the path? What would happen if you needed to be restored?

Paul explains the responsibility that the Law of Christ brings with it...

Galatians 5:26–6:5 (NLT) Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another. ¹ Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. ² Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. ³ If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important. ⁴ Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. ⁵ For we are each responsible for our own conduct.

v. 1a Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path.

Restore (καταρτίζω) = to restore, put in order, mend; to make complete, equip, train; to prepare, ordain; to adjust thoroughly. (Mounce Greek Dictionary)

Restore = to bring back to or put back into a former or original state. (Merriam Webster)

Example: Nathan Restores David

2 Samuel 12:1–12 (NLT) So the Lord sent Nathan the prophet to tell David this story: "There were two men in a certain town. One was rich, and one was poor. ² The rich man owned a great many sheep and cattle. ³ The poor man owned nothing but one little lamb he had bought. He raised that little lamb, and it grew up with his children. It ate from the man's own plate and drank from his cup. He cuddled it in his arms like a baby daughter. ⁴ One day a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing an animal from his own flock or herd, he took the poor man's lamb and killed it and prepared it for his guest." ⁵ David was furious. "As surely as the Lord lives," he vowed, "any man who would do such a thing deserves to die!" ⁶ He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity." ⁷ Then Nathan said to David, "You are that man! The Lord, the God of Israel, says: I anointed you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul. ⁸ I gave you your master's house and his wives and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. And if that had not been enough, I would have given you much, much more. ⁹ Why, then, have you despised the word of the Lord and done this horrible deed? For you have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword of the Ammonites and stolen his wife. ¹⁰ From this time on, your family will live by the sword because you have despised me by taking Uriah's wife to be your own. ¹¹ "This is what the Lord says: Because of what you have done, I will cause your own household to rebel against you. I will give your wives to another man before your very eyes, and he will go to bed with them in public view. ¹² You did it secretly, but I will make this happen to you openly in the sight of all Israel."

How to restore a fallen brother or sister:

- Restore with courage
- Restore with humility
- Restore with empathy
- Restore with compassion
- Restore with respect
- Restore with gentleness
- Restore with truth
- Restore with confidence

Consider Yourself

v. 1b And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.

Jesus told us how to approach correcting a sinning friend

Matthew 7:3–5 (NLT) “And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? ⁴ How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.”

v. 2 Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

The Law of Christ

John 13:34–35 (NLT) “So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

v. 3 If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

v. 5:26 Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.

Philippians 2:3 (NLT) Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

Romans 14:7 (NLT) For we don’t live for ourselves or die for ourselves.

Romans 15:1–2 (NLT) We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. ² We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord.

More instructions on carrying this out in the church

Matthew 18:15–17 (NLT) “If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. ¹⁶ But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won’t accept the church’s decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.”

You must make things right with another brother or sister in Christ

Matthew 5:23–24 (NLT) “So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, ²⁴ leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.”

vv. 4-5 Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won’t need to compare yourself to anyone else. ⁵ For we are each responsible for our own conduct.

Don’t be a busybody

2 Thessalonians 3:11 (NIV) We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies.

SO WHAT? Are you restorable? Are you committed to your church?

Are you mature enough to restore another brother?

Genesis 4:9 (ESV) Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?”

Will we care enough?

James 5:19–20 (NIV) My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, ²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.



ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

1. LADIES' SPRING TEA--MONDAY MAY 13 @ 6:30 PM AT ONWARD. Join us for light refreshments, a testimonial, and "purse trash" bingo prizes! Bring your favorite teacup if you'd like to! Sign up on the sheet posted in the lobby or by texting Jen Sebestyen (317) 601-6001

2. PRAYER & SHARE—WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 @ 7PM—Please join us for an hour of prayer

3. YOUTH CAMP JUNE 19-22 @ CAMP INDICOSO, SPRINGVILLE, IN. Camp Indicoso, 1558 Sieboldt Quarry Road, Springville, Indiana. Arrival: 11am on Wednesday, June 19. Return: Pick up on Saturday, June 22 at 4pm. Cost: \$350/pp, (\$300/pp for multiple siblings, same family). Can pay cash or check payable to "Mission Christian Academy." You can give the money to Jerry Ackerman.

NOTE: There are students who would like to go to Youth Camp who need a scholarship to afford to go. If you would like to sponsor a student (\$350 / student), please note "Youth Camp" on your gift.

4. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES EACH FRIDAY AT 7AM

5. PAL ("PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES") MEETING—This is for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. Every Tuesday night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free weekly meetings. Dr. Nancy Smith, facilitator. For more information, contact nancy1108smith@gmail.com or 317-508-8149.

6. GIVE BIBLES IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE—The Gideons have provided a display on the counter in the foyer for you to give God's word in honor or in memory of a loved one.

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