



Message Two: *To Restore My Faith*
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FAITH REMINDERS

1. Your faith was a gift from God not an effort of yourself.

- *Ephesians 2:1-6, As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.*
- Jesus paid the penalty that we are under, because of our sin, on the cross.

2. Your gift of faith was given by grace

- *Ephesians 2:8-9, For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.*
- Grace Simply = unmerited favor.
- **Human theology** = we work
- **Gospel theology** = we receive

3. You can wander from your faith

- *James 5:19-20, My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, 20 you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.*
- For most this wandering happens gradually.
- Faith is kept by constantly yielding to God's grace.

RESTORATION OF FAITH

1. Put yourself back in the stream of God's grace.

- *I Peter 5:10, And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*

2. Embrace the work of Christ in your life daily.

- *Colossians 2:6-7, So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*
- Restored faith with God must come through Jesus.

Practical steps to walk in the restoration of your faith.

- Hear God's voice in the Bible
- Speak to Him in prayer
- Stay connected to His body through the Church

Does your faith need to be restored?