

Lessons in the life of

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Faith > Fear



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DECIDE AND ABIDE Part 6

1. The Covenant Promise

- Abraham – Genesis 15:18 → God promises land and descendants.
- Isaac & Jacob – Jacob renamed Israel (Genesis 32:28).
- Joseph – Preserves the family, Israel moves to Egypt (Genesis 46:27: “70 in all”).
- Enslavement – 430 years in Egypt (Exodus 12:40-41).

DECIDE = TO CUT OFF EVERYTHING, BUT WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT

2. Passover — The New Beginning

“From now on, this month will be the first month of the year for you.” (Exodus 12:2)

- **God resets time: Nisan becomes the first month.**
- Before this, Israel likely followed a Canaanite agricultural calendar.
- God gives them a redemptive calendar, their identity starts with salvation, not harvest.

ABIDE = Greek word—
meno. Means to remain,
stay, dwell, endure, last.
Difficult to translate into
English, *“making your
home in Jesus, as He makes
His home in you.”* (cf. John

Exodus 12:13 — *“But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you.” (Exodus 12:13)*

Pesach = 'to pass over.' It is deliverance from judgment and identity as God's covenant people.

3. First Remembrance

“So they celebrated the Passover in the wilderness of Sinai at twilight on the appointed day. Just as the LORD had commanded Moses, so the Israelites celebrated it there.” (Numbers 9:5)

- One year later, the Israelites keep Passover again.
- First actual celebration to remember redemption.
- Salvation must be remembered, not just experienced once.

“...with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.”

- Blood on doorpost → Blood of Jesus.
- Christ is our Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7)

4. UNBELIEF = Rebellion = Wandering

“Not one of these people will ever enter that land. They have all seen my glorious presence and the miraculous signs I performed both in Egypt and in the wilderness, but again and again they have tested me by refusing to listen to my voice. They will never even see the land I swore to give their ancestors. None of those who have treated me with contempt will ever see it.” (Numbers 14:22-23)

• **At Kadesh Barnea, the people refuse to enter the land because of unbelief. Only Joshua and Caleb were in the first generation and allowed to enter the Promise Land.**

“without faith it is impossible to please God.” (Hebrews 11:6)

- Result: 40 years of wandering.
- They do not celebrate Passover again during these years.

5. Gilgal — Entering the Promise

“Then the LORD said to Joshua, ‘Today I have rolled away the shame of your slavery in Egypt.’ So that place has been called Gilgal to this day.” (Joshua 5:9)

• **Gilgal = 'to roll away or circle.' God deals with their shame before battles.**

“While the Israelites were camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month. The very next day they began to eat unleavened bread and roasted grain harvested from the land. No manna appeared on the day they first ate from the crops of the land, and it was never seen again. So from that time on, the Israelites ate from the crops of Canaan.” Joshua 5:10-12 (NLT)

- Second Passover in history (first for most of them).
- Manna stops → New season begins.

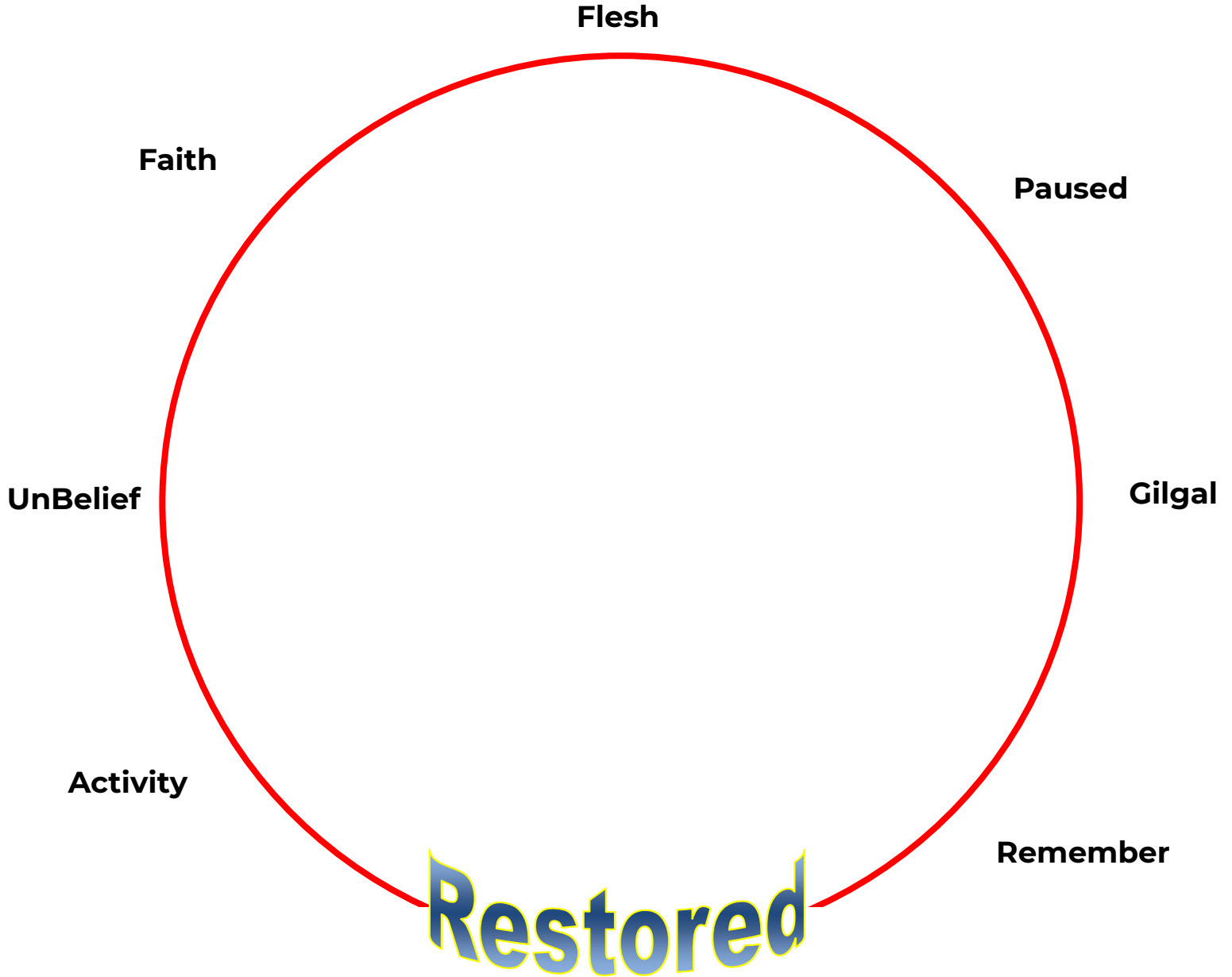
NOTE: Only six explicitly recorded pass-overs in the Old Testament, each one highlights God's people stepping into a new season, a new beginning

6. THE NEW COVENANT

*“He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, ‘This is my body, which is given for you. **Do this in remembrance of me.**’ After supper he took another cup of wine and said, ‘**This cup is the new covenant between God and his people**—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.’” (Luke 22:19-20)*

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- Communion = new Passover celebration.

Circle of Restoration



7 seasons that result in the Bible means “completion” . Closing the gap is the 8th and important result or outcome of these seven seasons in our lives. After 7 comes renewal. The number 8 in the Bible is significant, because it means NEW BEGINNINGS, restoration or new resurrection (new life).

THE ENEMY CALLS YOU BY YOUR SHAME; YOUR GOD CALLS YOU BY YOUR NAME