

Message Notes

RENEW

ENERGY FOR YOUR JOURNEY

“Restoring Your Soul, Renewing Your Heart”

Part three of the series: “Renew: Energy for Your Journey”

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David’s failures:

- **David sent away his advisors.**

“In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel...” (2 Samuel 11:1 ESV)

- **David wasn’t living on purpose.**

“...But David remained at Jerusalem.” (2 Samuel 11:1 ESV)

- **David’s focus shifted from loving God and others to loving himself.**

“Uriah said to David, ‘The ark and Israel and Judah dwell in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing.’” (2 Samuel 11:11 ESV)

Our response:

- **Be accountable.**

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed...” (James 5:16 ESV)

- **Discover your purpose and make a difference.**

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10 ESV)

(Turn over for continuation...)

- **Focus on loving God and others, and resist selfishness.**

"...love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39 ESV)

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Matthew 6:33 ESV)

When we repent, God's response is to be gracious to us.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. ¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you." (Psalm 51:10-13 ESV)

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9 ESV)

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