

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline

September: Restoration

Week 3 – Restoration: the example of David

Introduction

Besides Job, David is another person in the bible that experienced loss and restoration. Unlike Job, however, David's need for restoration was often caused by his own failings. Job's experience may seem a bit removed from our reality (he was described as blameless and upright after all) but, for many people, David's story is a recognisable one. We see ourselves in his story of falling and getting back up again, being left for dead and then making an amazing comeback. As we study David's life today, we will look to learn from his experiences in finding restoration through his challenges.

Pilot text

Psa 23:3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

1 Sam 30:18-19 So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives. And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered* all.

**[Hebrew: sub – see Week 1 study]*

- What happened to David – why did he need restoration and in what areas?
 - 1 Sam 30, 2 Sam 12, 2 Sam 15-19
- What was the process of restoration in David's life?
 - 1 Sam 30:1-19, 2 Sam 12:1-24, Psa 32:1-5, Psa 51
- What happened afterwards?
- Take home actions
 - Take out some time to pray for your Life Group brothers and sisters, as the Lord speaks to your hearts and opens your eyes to areas of need for restoration.

Notes to the Life Group coordinator:

1. Remind people to send in their questions directly to you, or using the link provided in their outlines <http://bit.ly/lifeclub>
2. Send in your Life Group Report immediately after this meeting.