

“HE RESTORES MY SOUL - Part IV”

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INTRO: God wants to restore your soul (Psalm 23:3)! Repentance is needed to experience soul restoration.

I. FOCUS MORE ON YOUR NEED FOR REPENTANCE THAN THE NEED FOR OTHERS TO REPENT!

- A. You can't force people to change (Rom. 2:4)!
- B. It's generally a far better use of your time and energy to focus on changing yourself (Matt. 7:1-5)!
 - 1. We're often more aware of other's sins than our own.
 - 2. Do we see other's sins through our own (projection)?
- C. What if the other person is far more at fault than I am? If you're 10% at fault, take 100% responsibility for that 10%!

II. TRUE LASTING CHANGE REQUIRES REPENTANCE!

- A. John's message of repentance (Matt. 3:1-2, 7-8).
 - 1. Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
 - 2. Repent means to think differently which results in living differently (in alignment with God's truth).
- B. Jesus' message of repentance (Matt. 4:17; Luke 13:3, 5; 24:47; Mark 1:14-15) – the same as John's.
 - 1. Have tolerance and inclusion replaced repentance!

III. THE KINGDOM OF GOD & REPENTANCE (Mk. 1:14-15).



- A. Our Life's Timeline: *Chronos* & *Kairos*
 - 1. “**Chronos**” – the passage of time (sequential time).
 - 2. “**Kairos**” - a God appointment (positive or negative).
- B. Our life moves along a *chronos* timeline, divinely interrupted on a regular basis with *kairos* moments.
- C. Kairos moments are kingdom opportunities to grow by repenting & believing (entrust one's well-being to Christ and believe the gospel of the kingdom is at hand).

CONCLUSION: God wants to restore your soul! How will you respond to your kairos moments?
Repent & Believe!