

GOD'S POWER IS FOR GOD'S PURPOSE

Family Devotion – Lesson 71

MEMORY VERSE – HOSEA 14:4

“I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely”

- God pleaded with the nation of Israel telling them that He would restore a close relationship with them if they confess their sin and turn (repent) back to Him. Backsliding is when you do not walk with God because you are walking in sin. The promise to heal them spiritually and love them freely by His grace was a great motivation that God gave them.
- God's offer of grace and forgiveness is very powerful! It will transform even the most sinful of men.
- “O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. 2 Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us GRACIOUSLY...” (Hos. 14:1-2).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESTORATION:

- (1) Acknowledge your iniquity (sin).
- (2) Confess your sin to God.
- (3) Turn (repent) from sin and to the Lord.
- (4) Ask God to take away your sin.
- (5) Ask God to give you grace and receive you back.

- God's grace and love is what empowers us to return unto Him.
- “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world” (Titus 2:11-12)
- “The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance” (Rom. 2:4).

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- How would you define grace?
- Why would a person not want to acknowledge their sin?
- Have you ever been backslidden?

PRAYER TIME

- Confess to God your sin.
- Thank God for His grace and love.

CHALLENGE

- Memorize the five steps of restoration.