

DAY 16 — RESTORE

30 Days of Repentance + Heart Preparation | Make Room for God's Heart

Father,

Thank You for meeting me with mercy when I come to You honestly. You know what has been broken, what has been lost, and what I have tried so hard to repair in my own strength. I bring it all before You without pretending that I can restore myself.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Renew a willing spirit within me. Where guilt has lingered, teach me to receive Your forgiveness. Where I have resisted change, soften my heart. Let my repentance become more than regret; let it bear fruit in the way I live, love, and respond to You.

Lord, You know the years that have felt wasted and the places where loss has left its mark. Help me trust Your goodness without demanding that restoration look exactly the way I imagined. Open my eyes to what You are growing now, even where I cannot recover what was before.

Be my Shepherd. Lead me beside quiet waters and refresh my soul. When I want to control the outcome, teach me to follow. When rest feels undeserved or unfamiliar, remind me that I do not have to earn Your care. Guide me in right paths, one faithful step at a time.

And when the work of healing feels slow, strengthen and steady me by Your grace. Open my lips to praise You, and let the story of Your mercy in my life become encouragement to someone else.

Today I make room for Your restoring work. I surrender my timetable, my striving, and my need to see the whole road. Give me the courage to receive what You offer and the willingness to walk where You lead.

In Jesus' name, amen.

Psalm 51:12–17 • Joel 2:25–27 • Psalm 23:1–3 • 1 Peter 5:10