
TREES

Part 3: Again

"He put his hands again upon his eyes..."

Mark 8:25 (KJV)

INTRODUCTION

One of the greatest battles we face is not believing God for something we have never experienced. Often, the greater challenge is believing God again after we have experienced disappointment, loss, failure, or unanswered prayers. Faith is tested most deeply when it has already been wounded. The enemy understands that if he cannot destroy our relationship with God, he will attempt to diminish our expectation of God. He works to convince us that partial victory is all we should expect, that disappointment is permanent, and that restoration belongs only to the past.

The miracle in Mark 8 presents one of the most unique healings recorded in Scripture because Jesus did not heal the blind man instantly. Instead, He touched him twice. This was never because Christ lacked power; rather, He was teaching an eternal principle. God is not only concerned with restoring physical sight. He is restoring hope, confidence, expectation, and spiritual vision. The second touch reveals that God refuses to leave His people halfway through the process. What begins in grace will ultimately end in restoration if we continue trusting Him.

Throughout Scripture we discover that God is the God of "again." Again is not simply repetition; it is the language of divine mercy. Again declares that failure is not final, loss is not permanent, and God's purpose has not been canceled. Every time God invites His people to believe again, He is inviting them to trust His character more than their circumstances.

1

THE GOD WHO RESTORES WHAT WAS LOST

"After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly."

Mark 8:25 (KJV)

The text does not simply say the man received sight. Scripture intentionally says that he was restored. Restoration implies something once possessed, then lost, has now been returned. Throughout the Bible, restoration is one of God's greatest works. Creation itself reveals a God who specializes in bringing order out of chaos. Redemption reveals a God who restores sinners to Himself. The resurrection reveals a God who restores life where death appeared to have won.

Many people find it easier to believe God for something they have never experienced than to believe Him for something they once had and lost. When we have never possessed something, our imagination can still dream. But when loss enters our story, memory begins to compete with hope. The pain of disappointment often becomes louder than the promises of God. That is precisely why this miracle is so powerful. Jesus intentionally demonstrates that He is not only the giver of new blessings; He is also the restorer of broken lives.

Joel prophesied this same truth to Israel after seasons of devastation. Notice that God did not merely promise future blessing. He promised restoration. While time itself cannot be reversed, God is able to redeem what seemed permanently lost by accomplishing greater purposes than we could have imagined. His restoration is

never merely replacing what was taken; it is revealing His glory through what was redeemed.

This truth ultimately points us to the Gospel. Sin robbed humanity of fellowship with God, righteousness, peace, and eternal life. Yet through Christ, what Adam lost is restored in greater measure. The cross itself stands as the greatest declaration that God's final answer to loss is restoration.

This does not mean every event is good. Rather, it means God possesses the sovereign ability to weave every loss, disappointment, and trial into His redemptive purpose. The enemy may intend destruction, but God remains the Master Restorer.

Because of this, we are never called to build our identity around what we have lost. We build our confidence upon the character of the One who restores. Our hope does not rest in favorable circumstances but in the unchanging nature of Jesus Christ, who is 'the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever' (Hebrews 13:8). As long as He remains unchanged, restoration always remains possible.

"And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten... and ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God..."

Joel 2:25-26 (KJV)

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28 (KJV)

2

RECOVERY BEGINS BEFORE YOU FEEL READY

"And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him... but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God... And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all."

1 Samuel 30:6-8 (KJV)

One of the greatest misconceptions about faith is that we assume God requires us to feel strong before we move forward. Scripture repeatedly teaches the opposite. God often calls His people to obey while they are still grieving, still confused, and still carrying the weight of disappointment. Faith is not the absence of pain; it is the willingness to trust God's promise in the middle of pain. Recovery rarely begins when our emotions have settled. It begins the moment we decide that our emotions will no longer dictate our obedience.

David's experience at Ziklag illustrates this principle with remarkable clarity. When he returned from battle, he discovered that everything familiar had been stripped away. The city had been burned, the families had been taken captive, and even the men who had faithfully followed him turned against him. Yet while others allowed grief to determine their next decision, David made a different choice. The Bible says that 'David encouraged

himself in the LORD his God.' This was not denial of reality; it was submission to a greater reality.

This reveals an important spiritual principle. Encouragement is not merely something we receive from others; it is also a discipline we practice before God. Spiritual maturity is demonstrated when we learn to preach truth to ourselves instead of allowing our feelings to become the loudest voice in our lives.

The remarkable aspect of this account is that David did not first ask God to remove the pain. He asked whether he should pursue what had been lost. God's answer was immediate and unmistakable: 'Pursue... for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.' Before David ever saw restoration with his natural eyes, God had already declared restoration in His Word.

This pattern appears throughout Scripture. Noah built the ark before the rain ever fell. Abraham left his homeland before he knew where God was leading him. Israel stepped into the overflowing Jordan River before the waters parted. Again and again, God teaches His people that obedience precedes visible breakthrough.

Walking by faith does not mean pretending that pain does not exist. It means refusing to allow pain to become the final authority over our future. Our emotions are real, but they are not infallible. They fluctuate with circumstances, while God's Word remains forever settled in heaven (Psalm 119:89).

There is also a profound connection between recovery and worship. David encouraged himself before he pursued because worship reorients the heart toward God's sovereignty. When we worship, we acknowledge that our circumstances are temporary but God's kingdom is eternal. This is why praise is often the first step toward restoration. Before our situation changes, our perspective changes.

Because Christ endured before the victory was visible, we too can move forward before our restoration is complete. The cross reminds us that God's greatest victories are often unfolding long before we recognize them. Recovery begins long before we hold the promise in our hands. It begins when we choose to trust the One who made the promise.

"(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)"

2 Corinthians 5:7 (KJV)

"...who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame..."

Hebrews 12:2 (KJV)

3

WHEN LOSS CHANGES THE WAY WE LIVE

"And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking."

Mark 8:24 (KJV)

"The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness..."

Matthew 6:22-23 (KJV)

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..."

Romans 12:2 (KJV)

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

"...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

John 10:10 (KJV)

"...for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

2 Timothy 1:12 (KJV)

One of the enemy's most subtle victories is not convincing believers to abandon God, but persuading them to lower their expectations of Him. Rarely does spiritual decline begin with open rebellion. More often, it begins with quiet disappointment. After repeated losses, unanswered prayers, painful failures, or broken relationships, we slowly begin adjusting our lives around our wounds. Our faith becomes cautious instead of confident. Our prayers become smaller. Our worship becomes quieter. Our dreams become safer. We are no longer living from expectation but from self-protection.

This is exactly what disappointment produces if left unchallenged. The blind man had experienced the touch of Jesus, yet his vision remained incomplete. He could see, but not clearly. Spiritually speaking, distorted vision can often be more dangerous than complete blindness because it creates the illusion that everything is normal when, in reality, our perspective has been altered.

Jesus teaches that vision is never merely about what we see; it determines how we live. Our perception shapes our decisions, our expectations, our relationships, and ultimately our spiritual walk. If disappointment clouds our vision, every decision afterward is influenced by that distortion.

This is precisely what happened to Israel in the wilderness. Although they had witnessed the Red Sea open, manna fall from heaven, and God's visible presence leading them, every new difficulty caused them to doubt His ability to provide. Their perception became their prison.

Transformation begins where perception changes. Before our circumstances are renewed, our thinking must be renewed. The enemy knows that if he cannot remove God's promises, he will attempt to distort how we interpret them.

This explains why many believers gradually stop taking spiritual risks. We no longer pray bold prayers because we fear disappointment. We no longer step into ministry because criticism has made us hesitant. We are not living in open unbelief; we are living in quiet self-preservation. Yet the Kingdom of God has never advanced through self-preservation. It advances through faith.

Notice Paul did not say, 'I know what I believe.' He said, 'I know whom I have believed.' Our confidence is ultimately personal. We trust the Person of Christ. Circumstances change. People disappoint us. But Jesus Christ remains 'the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever' (Hebrews 13:8).

The blind man could have accepted blurry vision as his new normal. He could have concluded that partial healing was all Jesus intended. Instead, he remained before the Savior. We must never allow partial restoration to become permanent satisfaction. God does not call us to adjust to spiritual blurriness. He calls us to remain in His presence until our vision is made clear.

4

THE THEOLOGY OF "AGAIN"

"After that he put his hands again upon his eyes..."

Mark 8:25 (KJV)

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Philippians 1:6 (KJV)

"And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time..."

Jonah 3:1 (KJV)

"Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven."

Judges 16:22 (KJV)

"For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again..."

Proverbs 24:16 (KJV)

"Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise..."

Micah 7:8 (KJV)

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

1 Peter 1:3 (KJV)

The word again may appear ordinary, but within the pages of Scripture it becomes one of the greatest testimonies of God's mercy. Again is not merely a statement of repetition; it is the language of divine persistence. It reveals a God who refuses to abandon His people when they are unfinished. The second touch of Jesus demonstrates that God is not discouraged by incomplete transformation. He does not walk away because the process is taking longer than expected.

This truth challenges the way we often measure God's activity. We frequently judge God's faithfulness by whether everything changes immediately. If the answer does not come quickly, we assume God has stopped working. Yet throughout Scripture, God's greatest works unfold progressively.

The pattern of again is woven throughout the entire biblical narrative. After Jonah fled from the presence of the Lord, believing his failure had disqualified him, God's calling survived Jonah's failure. The second call demonstrates that repentance restores fellowship and renews purpose. God's mercy is always greater than our rebellion when we return to Him.

Samson's story provides another remarkable example. At first glance, the growing of hair appears to be a simple physical observation. Yet spiritually it represents something far greater. While Samson was sitting in chains, something invisible was happening. Before victory returned publicly, restoration had already begun privately.

This is often how God works in our lives. While nothing appears to be changing outwardly, God is quietly rebuilding what the enemy believed was permanently destroyed. The roots of restoration frequently develop long before the fruit becomes visible.

Peter's life reveals this same principle. Around one fire he denied knowing Jesus three times. Yet after the resurrection, Jesus intentionally prepared another fire by the Sea of Galilee where He restored him. The place of shame became the place of recommissioning. God often heals us in the very areas where we were wounded.

The emphasis in Proverbs is not upon the number of falls but upon the certainty of rising. Righteousness is never defined by sinless perfection; it is demonstrated through continual dependence upon God's sustaining grace.

This pattern reaches its highest expression in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The cross appeared to declare that darkness had prevailed. Yet on the third day, God once again demonstrated that death itself cannot prevent the fulfillment of His purpose. The resurrection forever established that what appears final to humanity is never final when God is involved.

When Jesus placed His hands upon the blind man again, He was revealing His own heart. The second touch was never evidence that the first touch had failed. It was evidence that Jesus refuses to abandon unfinished miracles. Our confidence rests in this unchanging truth: God's work is complete only when God says it is complete.

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance."

Psalm 42:5 (KJV)

One of the clearest signs of spiritual maturity is learning the difference between having emotions and being ruled by them. Scripture never teaches us to ignore our feelings, suppress our grief, or pretend that sorrow does not exist. The Bible is remarkably honest about human emotion. David wept. Jeremiah lamented. Elijah became discouraged. Even our Lord Jesus Christ was 'exceeding sorrowful' in Gethsemane. God created our emotions, but He never intended them to become the governing authority of our lives.

Psalm 42 presents an extraordinary picture of spiritual leadership over one's own heart. David does something unusual. Instead of allowing his soul to dictate his thoughts, he begins speaking directly to it. He asks, 'Why art thou cast down, O my soul?' He refuses to surrender his future to the changing tides of emotion.

The remarkable feature of these Psalms is their repetition. David repeats the same conversation three different times in Psalm 42:5, 42:11, and 43:5. The repetition is intentional. God is teaching us that one conversation with our soul is often not enough. Some battles require us to preach the same truth to ourselves repeatedly until our emotions finally submit to God's Word.

Paul acknowledges that there is a continual conflict within every believer. The flesh pulls downward while the Spirit continually calls us upward. This is why the Christian life requires continual renewal of the mind through the Word of God. We cannot expect our souls to remain healthy if they are continually fed by the voices of fear while rarely hearing the voice of Scripture.

Our modern world intensifies this struggle. If we are not intentional, these voices become louder than the voice of God. Before long, we find ourselves carrying emotional burdens that were never ours to bear. We become weary, not because God has failed us, but because our souls have been listening to everything except the Shepherd.

Notice that David does not tell his soul to ignore reality. He tells it to remember God. This is a profound difference. Biblical faith is never built upon pretending the storm does not exist; it is built upon remembering who walks upon the storm. Hope grows whenever our vision of God becomes greater than our vision of the problem.

David's declaration reaches its climax with one of the most hope-filled statements in the Psalms: 'I shall yet praise him.' These words are not spoken after the victory. They are spoken before it. This is faith speaking to the future. David refuses to allow his present emotions to dictate his future worship.

The Christian life is not lived by listening to every feeling that rises within us. It is lived by continually bringing our souls under the authority of God's Word. Every day we must preach to ourselves what the Gospel has already declared: God is still faithful. Christ is still reigning. The Holy Spirit is still working. Therefore, my soul will hope in God, and I shall yet praise Him.

"For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members... O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord..."

Romans 7:22-25 (KJV)

6

LIFT UP YOUR EYES

"After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly."

Mark 8:25 (KJV)

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth."

Psalms 121:1-2 (KJV)

"...let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith..."

Hebrews 12:1-2 (KJV)

"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles..."

Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)

"But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head."

Psalms 3:3 (KJV)

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above... Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

Colossians 3:1-2 (KJV)

One of the most remarkable details in this miracle is not simply that Jesus touched the blind man a second time, but that He made him look up. The order is significant. Jesus touched him, lifted his gaze, and then the Scripture declares that he was restored and saw every man clearly. Restoration followed a change in posture. Before the miracle reached its fullness, the man's eyes had to be redirected.

Throughout Scripture, lifting one's eyes represents far more than a physical movement. It is a spiritual decision to shift our attention from earthly limitations to heavenly realities. The direction of our gaze often determines the direction of our faith. We cannot continually stare at our failures and expect our confidence to increase.

David was not saying that his help came from the hills themselves. The hills merely directed his attention upward. His help came from the Lord, the Creator of heaven and earth. His lifted eyes were an outward expression of inward faith. He deliberately chose to focus on the greatness of God instead of the greatness of his obstacles.

This has always been God's pattern. Before He changes our circumstances, He often changes our perspective. Spiritual vision is not merely the ability to see what is around us; it is the ability to recognize what God is doing beyond what our natural eyes can perceive.

Notice that endurance is directly connected to where we are looking. We persevere because our attention remains fixed upon Christ. Peter experienced this while walking on the Sea of Galilee. As long as his eyes remained fixed on Jesus, he walked above the waves. The moment he became occupied with the wind and the sea, he began to sink.

This principle explains why the enemy continually fights for our attention. He fills our minds with fear, regret, comparison, bitterness, and uncertainty because whatever consistently occupies our thoughts eventually influences our faith. A distracted believer is often a discouraged believer.

The eagle rises above the storm instead of remaining beneath it. While other birds seek shelter from turbulent winds, the eagle uses those same winds to soar higher. Likewise, God does not always remove the storms from our lives immediately. Instead, He teaches us to rise above them by trusting His sustaining grace.

God is called 'the lifter up of mine head.' He does not simply remove enemies or solve problems. He restores dignity, confidence, and hope. A lifted head signifies renewed courage. It represents someone who has stopped living beneath the weight of condemnation and has begun walking in the assurance of God's grace.

Our citizenship is in heaven, our inheritance is eternal, and our Savior reigns at the right hand of the Father. Therefore, no earthly circumstance possesses the authority to define our future. When He raises our vision, He also renews our faith. And when our faith is renewed, we begin to see not merely what is, but what God is accomplishing through His sovereign grace.

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THE SECOND TOUCH: GOD FINISHES WHAT HE STARTS

"After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly."

Mark 8:25 (KJV)

"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

2 Corinthians 3:18 (KJV)

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works..."

Ephesians 2:10 (KJV)

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work..."

James 1:2-4 (KJV)

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son..."

Romans 8:29 (KJV)

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection..."

Hebrews 6:1 (KJV)

The second touch of Jesus has puzzled Bible readers for centuries. Why would the One who spoke worlds into existence require two touches to heal one blind man? Scripture leaves no room for doubt about His power. This miracle must be understood not as a limitation of Christ's ability but as a revelation of His purpose.

Jesus intentionally performed this miracle in stages because He desired to teach something greater than physical healing. He was illustrating how God often works within the lives of His people. There are moments when His work begins immediately but unfolds progressively. The first touch initiated the miracle; the second touch completed it.

This progressive work of God is the doctrine the New Testament calls sanctification. At conversion, we are justified instantly. Yet although our standing before God changes in a moment, our character continues to be shaped throughout our lives. Every trial, every season of testing, every act of obedience becomes another touch of the Master's hand.

Notice the language of progression. We are transformed 'from glory to glory.' God does not merely improve behavior; He transforms the entire person. The Holy Spirit continually works within us, renewing our minds, purifying our desires, strengthening our faith, and producing the character of Christ.

The Greek word translated 'workmanship' is *poiema*, from which we derive the English word poem. It refers to a carefully crafted masterpiece. A master artist does not abandon his work because the painting is incomplete after the first brushstroke. Likewise, our lives are being carefully shaped by the hands of our Creator.

James teaches that testing is not evidence of God's absence but of His active work. God's goal is not merely to remove every difficulty from our lives but to use those difficulties to produce Christlike character. Sometimes what feels like delay is actually divine development.

This principle is beautifully illustrated throughout Scripture. Joseph endured years of betrayal before ascending to the throne of Egypt. Moses spent forty years in the wilderness before leading Israel. David was anointed king long before he wore the crown. God consistently prepares His servants before publicly positioning them.

The second touch also reveals something profoundly comforting about the heart of Jesus. He is not frustrated by our weakness. He is not impatient with our slow progress. The same Savior who reached out to the blind man a second time continues reaching toward His people today.

The story ends not with blurred vision but with complete clarity. Not with partial healing but with full restoration. This is the promise that belongs to every child of God. Until the day we stand before Him in glory, His hands are still shaping us, His Spirit is still sanctifying us, and His grace is still completing what His love so graciously began.

8

HOPE: THE ANCHOR OF THE SOUL

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance."

Psalms 42:5 (KJV)

"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil."

Hebrews 6:19 (KJV)

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

1 Corinthians 13:13 (KJV)

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

1 Peter 1:3 (KJV)

"...tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed..."

Romans 5:3-5 (KJV)

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Romans 8:18 (KJV)

The greatest battle in the Christian life is often not the battle for faith but the battle for hope. Scripture teaches that faith and hope, while inseparably connected, are not identical. Hope gives faith something to reach toward. When hope disappears, faith has nothing upon which to act. This is why the enemy works tirelessly to convince believers that nothing will ever change.

An anchor is never intended to remove the storm. Its purpose is to keep the ship from drifting while the storm rages. Likewise, biblical hope does not promise the immediate removal of every trial. Instead, it keeps the believer securely fastened to the character of God until the storm has passed.

This explains why David repeatedly commands his soul to hope in God. He understands that discouragement naturally causes the soul to drift. Left to itself, the human heart gravitates toward fear, anxiety, self-pity, and unbelief. Hope anchors the soul so that circumstances cannot carry it away from God's promises.

Notice that hope stands alongside faith and love as one of the abiding realities of Christian maturity. Hope is not a temporary emotion reserved for difficult seasons. It is a permanent characteristic of those who belong to Christ.

Peter calls it a living hope because it rests upon a living Savior. Every other hope eventually fades because it depends upon changing circumstances, human ability, or earthly security. Our hope, however, is alive because Christ is alive. The empty tomb guarantees that death, sin, disappointment, and suffering never possess the final word.

The believer mourns with confidence that God's purposes are still unfolding. Tears are real, but they are never hopeless. Suffering is painful, but it is never meaningless. Even in death, the Christian possesses hope because Christ has conquered the grave.

Notice the progression in Romans 5. Trials produce perseverance. Perseverance produces proven character. Proven character strengthens hope. God does not waste suffering. Through every trial, He is building a hope that is stronger, deeper, and less dependent upon changing circumstances.

Perhaps the greatest declaration in Psalm 42 is not "Hope thou in God." It is what follows: "For I shall yet praise him." These words look beyond present circumstances into God's future faithfulness. David speaks as though tomorrow's victory has already been secured. This is the language of biblical hope.

As this study comes to its conclusion, one truth rises above every other: God is still the God of again. He still restores. He still heals. He still strengthens weary hearts. He still lifts bowed heads. He still completes the work He begins. And because He has not changed, we can confidently declare with David: 'I shall yet praise Him.'

Whatever we have lost, whatever disappointment we have endured, whatever season we are walking through, we can lift our eyes once more. The hands that touched the blind man are the same hands stretched out toward us today, inviting us to believe again, to worship again, to hope again, and to trust that the God who began the miracle will faithfully bring it to completion.

FILL IN THE BLANK

1. The second touch of Jesus teaches us that God is committed to _____ what He begins.
2. David encouraged himself in the _____ before pursuing what had been lost.
3. Recovery often begins before we _____ ready.
4. The blind man first saw men as _____ walking.
5. Three times David declared, "Hope thou in _____."
6. According to Mark 8:25, Jesus made the blind man look _____ before his sight was completely restored.
7. Our hope is anchored in the resurrection of _____ Christ.
8. The believer's confidence is not based on changing circumstances but on the unchanging _____ of God.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Question 1: Is there an area of your life where disappointment has caused you to lower your expectations of what God can do? How can today's lesson encourage you to believe again?

Question 2: David spoke to his own soul instead of allowing his emotions to control him. What practical steps can you take this week to fill your mind with God's Word and speak truth over your own heart?

Question 3: The blind man was willing to receive another touch from Jesus instead of settling for partial restoration. Are there areas of your spiritual life where you have accepted 'good enough' instead of pursuing complete transformation?

Question 4: Throughout Scripture we see that God is the God of 'again.' Which biblical example in this study encouraged you the most, and why does it strengthen your confidence in God's faithfulness?

Question 5: Psalm 42 repeatedly declares, 'Hope thou in God... for I shall yet praise Him.' What would it look like for you to live with that kind of hope this week, even if your circumstances have not yet changed?

CLOSING EXHORTATION

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."

Romans 15:13 (KJV)

The Christian life is a journey of continual transformation. There will be seasons when our vision is clear and seasons when we see only 'men as trees, walking.' There will be moments when we feel strong and moments when we must encourage ourselves in the Lord. Yet through every season, one truth remains unchanged: God has not abandoned His work in us. The same Savior who touched the blind man again continues to touch His people today, restoring what has been lost, renewing weary souls, and lifting our eyes toward His eternal promises.

No matter what disappointments we have endured, we are invited to hope again, believe again, pray again, worship again, and pursue again. Our confidence does not rest in our strength, our consistency, or our circumstances. It rests in Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith, who faithfully completes every work He begins. Therefore, let us refuse to settle for partial vision or diminished expectation. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Christ, trusting that in His perfect time we shall yet praise Him, for the God of restoration is still working, and His grace is always greater than our greatest loss.