



TURN AND BE RESTORED

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- If you _____, I will _____.
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Romans 6:23 (GNT) *For sin pays its wage—death.*

"Death," in the Bible, means _____.

Proverbs 14:12 (VOICE) *Before every person lies a road that seems to be right, but the end of that road is death and destruction.*

What if, what you think is right, is actually the very thing causing the pain and problems you're experiencing.

Proverbs 14:12 (TPT) *You can rationalize it all you want and justify the path of error you have chosen, but you'll find out in the end that you took the road to destruction.*

When destruction starts happening in our lives we can either:

1. _____ the path we're on.
2. _____ the path we're on.

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Matthew 4:17 (CW) *From then on, Jesus began to tell people, “Turn to God and change the way you think and act, because the kingdom of heaven is near!”*

Matthew 11:28 (MSG) *Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life.*

Isaiah 55:8-9 (MSG) *“I don’t think the way you think. The way you work isn’t the way I work.” God’s Decree. “For as the sky soars high above earth, so the way I work surpasses the way you work, and the way I think is beyond the way you think.”*

Romans 8:2 (LDB) *The law of life thru Christ Jesus has not only granted me forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, but also power thru Him to be set free from the power that the law of sin [and death] had over me.*

- The law of sin: Sin brings _____.
- The law of life: Jesus restores _____.

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- If you **humble self**, I will **hear**.
- If you **seek me**, I will **forgive**.
- If you **turn**, I will **restore**.
- We looked at how important it is for us to humble ourselves—become teachable—so the lies in our lives can be exposed and God's truth can be revealed.
- Last week we talked about seeking God and living a God first life, and the benefits that come from putting God first.

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[NOT fun, pleasure, profit or a short-cut] **Neither do I SKIT**

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We can justify the path we're on, but we cannot make the wrong path take you to the right end result.

When destruction starts happening in our lives we can either:

1. **Persist on** the path we're on.
2. **Change** the path we're on. Turn so God can restore us.

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Most of us live our lives with a “**law of gravity**” mentality. Gravity holds us to the earth. We’ve learned how to live being held down. Likewise, sin will hold you down. But there are higher laws that allow us to soar.

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The law of lift enables me to soar above it. Defies the lower law.

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