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# Renewal Doesn't Come from Performance, but Requires Intention

## Session 2 — Asking God for Renewal

The daily and weekly demands of business can have a soul-wearing effect. The pressure to keep up, make the right choices, plus seasons when challenges pile up, can rob us of our joy. The good news is that life transformation and the kind of joy that happened when we first came to Christ meant to be a regular part of our lives. When you intentionally apply the same principles that brought you to Christ, you go deeper and are reformed.

*But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

Titus 3:4-6 (NIV)

### LET'S BREAK IT DOWN

#### First: Get a fresh vision of Jesus.

We were saved when we came to realize who He is and His goodness toward us. **Refreshing takes intentional focus.** We are renewed as we get a fresh glimpse of who Jesus is and recognize His work in our lives.

**His kindness** — the practical ways He acts on our behalf. Make a list of prayers answered and things He has provided, including the gifts and resources you use in your business. Keep track.

**His Love** in this verse comes from the same Greek term as philanthropy — He warmly loves us, treats us as friends, and acts generously. Verses to ponder:

- Romans 8:35-39
- John 15:13 • Jeremiah 31:3 • Psalm 103:8

#### Turn this into a prayer:

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!*

1 John 3:1

Speak to Him as a child to their father. Thank Him for including you as His child, and ask for fresh awareness of His love for you as a perfect Father.

#### Second: Renewal is a gift — not performance.

Poor judgment, misplaced priorities, and sometimes outright disobedience are part of our business journey. If those failures are getting your attention, bring them to Him.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

1 John 1:9

The verse in Titus calls this the “washing of rebirth” — a Greek word meaning “re-gensis.” God restores us to the way He originally created us to be, a foretaste of the future when He restores all things.

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3:22-23

#### Third: The Holy Spirit renews us — an ongoing process.

*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

That “making fresh” experience is something we should be experiencing over and over. Jesus wants to freely give new life springing up from within — the path is simply to “come to him” (John 7:38).

#### EXPERIENCE REFRESHING — PERSONAL REFLECTION

- 1 Tell God about areas of your life where you feel dried up or stagnant.
- 2 Ask Him to renew your heart and refresh you. Wait quietly and expectantly.
- 3 If He brings to mind a broken relationship or failure, confess it or make it right with that person.
- 4 Trust His promise: if you ask Him for renewal, He will do it.