



Restarting Your Relationship with Jesus

Renewing Your Faith in the One Who's Always There

Our Guide

This guide exists to help every believer who has drifted from God to help them renew their relationship with God, so they can ultimately live for God.

Our Why

We believe that everyone should be in active pursuit of Jesus no matter the age or stage of life. God has called us to equip the saints for the work of ministry and for the building up of the body of Christ.

Our Goal

Our goal is to guide and nurture every person into spiritual maturity that leads to them fully following Jesus. Our prayer is that you reconnect with God in a way that is undeniable and experience joy that only comes in the Lord.

Your Next Steps

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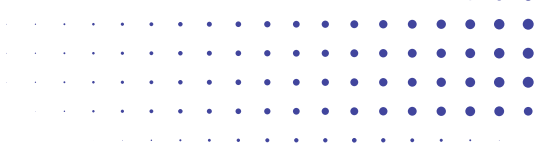
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An Example of Rededication

The Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) is a famous biblical story about a rebellious son who takes his inheritance, squanders it in a distant land, and returns home in destitution. Instead of punishing him, his loving father forgives him unconditionally and throws a joyous celebration.

The Departure (Luke 15:11-13)

The younger son selfishly demands his inheritance early, leaves his family, and travels to a foreign land.

Reckless Living (Luke 15:14-16)

He wastes all his money on reckless and self-indulgent living.

The Far Country “Repentance” (Luke 15:17-20)

A severe famine hits, and the son hits rock bottom. He realizes the misery of his choices, “comes to his senses,” and resolves to return home to beg for mercy as a servant.

The Embrace (Luke 15:20-21)

While the son is still a long way off, the father spots him, runs to him, and greets him with kisses and absolute forgiveness.

The Celebration (Luke 15:22-24)

The father joyfully restores his son’s status and hosts a feast to celebrate his return.

This story is the heart of our heavenly Father. When we turn back to God, He forgives us, restores us, and leads us into a stronger relationship with Him.

Rededication for Us Today

The Story Continues...

There's an older brother in this story who is considered the faithful, hardworking, and dedicated one. He sees the reunion between his father and younger brother and becomes frustrated. He's so upset he doesn't attend his younger brother's homecoming feast. The father leaves the feast to meet the older brother and invites him to join them. **The father calls the older brother to move from a relationships based on rules and more achievement to a life of genuine love with no strings attached.** Both stories show the warm welcome God has ready for us when we find ourselves in need of rededicating our lives to God.

What does it mean to rededicate my life?

Restarting your relationship with Jesus means making a renewed commitment to follow Jesus by living like Him and deliberately rejecting sin.

It's not about perfection. Instead, rededication is a milestone moment where you put the past behind you and choose to intentionally pursue Christ. Like your salvation decision, this decision isn't just a one-time moment; **it's a commitment to take up your cross daily and live with love for others.**

Reasons for rededication...

- You gave your life to Christ at a young age, but over time, you've drifted.
- Sin has pulled you away from the joy and peace you had with God.
- You've been living with distorted view of Jesus and not surrendering to Him.
- You're distant from God because of life's struggles and want to reconnect.
- You want to overcome habitual sin and pursue spiritual maturity.
- Your faith has felt routine and shallow, but you want to go deeper with Jesus.

How to Rededicate Your Life

Step 1: Recognize the Deeper Issue

Ask yourself, what has led you to this place? Has sin crept in? Has your Christian life become routine? Identifying the problem is the first step towards spiritual growth.

Step 2: Confess and Repent

Confession is a powerful tool for spiritual renewal. Admit to God where you've fallen short and ask for His forgiveness. Jesus died to set you free from sin, and His grace covers you.

Step 3: Pray a Rededication Prayer

Heartfelt prayer is the most useful tool we have to reconnect with God. You can use your own words, but if you'd like some guidance on a starting point, here's an example:

God, I know You love me, even though I'm distant. I confess my sin and ask for Your forgiveness. Lord Jesus, I rededicate my life to You. I want to follow You closely, live according to Your Word, and have a deeper relationship with You. Help me to stand firm in my faith and make choices that are others-focused. Thank You for Your grace, love, and new mercies every day. I'm grateful, Father, that you always welcome me hom. In Jesus' name, Amen.



What to do After Rededication

Step 4: Spend Time in God's Word

The Bible is a powerful tool for spiritual growth. Start reading Scripture daily to build a deeper understanding of God's truth. Here's more about the Bible in our **Following Jesus** video course: harvestministries.org/following-jesus

Step 5: Pray Regularly

Prayer isn't just for rededication; it's how we grow in our relationship with our heavenly Father. Keep talking to God, using guided prayers or your own words, and ask for guidance, strength, and His peace.

Step 6: Surround Yourself with Other Believers

Christian community is essential. Find a local church, join a small group, or serve together with people who are in active pursuit of Christ.

Step 7: Keep Living Out Your Faith

Walking with Christ is an ongoing process (Christians call it *sanctification*). Serve others, share the hope of salvation, and let your life reflect the love of Jesus. Remember, seek progress, not perfection.



Take Your Next Step

Grow Closer to Jesus Today!

Ready to Get Baptized?

Take your Next Step through one of the following:

- Let church leadership know
- Visit harvestministries.org/following-jesus
- Text "BAPTISM" to 80797



Ready to Serve on our Dream Team?

Take your Next Step through one of the following:

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- Visit harvestministries.org/volunteer
- Text "SERVE" to 80797



Ready to Become a Member?

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Ready to Join a Group?

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