



Restoration of our soul comes when we begin our relationship with God through His Son Jesus.
 Restoration of our heart and mind continues because of this secure attached relationship.
 So much Christian teaching tends to focus on right beliefs and right choices as the key to personal growth but biblical evidence and modern brain science show that our *character is shaped more by whom we love than what we believe.*

The Book of Isaiah will help us see how the promise of salvation would come through the Messiah. But in addition to bringing pardon for sin, intimate relationship with Jesus renovates us wholly—mind, will, and emotion.

This study is about showing how we can train our brains to relate to God based on a joyful, mutual connection with Jesus which will lead to emotional, relational, and spiritual maturity.

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ATTACHMENT LOVE – TRANSFORMATION OF OUR CHARACTER
 A Man understands that our brains are wired to relate to God based on a joyful, mutual connection with Jesus which will lead to emotional, relational, and spiritual maturity

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<p>Bible Verses: Isaiah 1:1-19; Hosea 6:4-7 Video: Overview: Isaiah 1-39 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0A6Uchb1F8 Meet Joe Black (1998) - Lightning Could Strike Scene https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EV3DKPo-4U</p>	<p>Resources: Renovated – God, Dallas Willard & the Church That Transforms by Jim Wilder Music: Thrive Worship - Ruins (Rebuild My Soul) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1OkIY9aF6A</p>
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ISAIAH: THE MASTERPIECE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

1. _____ → The keynote of Isaiah is “salvation.” Isaiah’s name means “Jehovah saves.” Isaiah was a prophet to Judah. The record of the captivities of Israel (the Northern Kingdom and Judah (the Southern Kingdom) is found in II Kings 17-1-23; 24:11-25:21.
2. _____ → Isaiah is a miniature Bible in structure. It has 66 chapters, just as the Bible has 66 books. There are two divisions: Chapters 1-39 (like the Old Testament) and Chapters 40-66 (27 chapters like the New Testament). Message #1 is God’s case against the Jews because of their sin. Message #2 is the hope of the coming Messiah – “A voice is calling, clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God (40:3).
3. _____ → Isaiah was a man of royal blood. He was a young aristocrat from a princely line. He was brought up in the court and had high standing with the people of Jerusalem. His training was of the best. He died in the reign of Manasseh, an evil king, at the age of 120. Isaiah laid bare the sins of his people and called them to repent and turn to God. His message is summarized in 4 words:
 1. Rebellion – “Ah, sinful nation” (1:2-4; 10-15, 21-23).
 2. Retribution – “You will be devoured” (1:5-8, 15, 20, 28).
 3. Repentance – “If you are willing and obedient” (1:16-19, 27).
 4. Restoration – “Zion will be redeemed” (1:9, 18, 24-31).
4. _____ → Isaiah denounced Judah’s hypocrisy (1:15). He told them of forgiveness if they would repent, but promised them a sword if they continued in their rebellion against God.

RESTORED: ATTACHMENT LOVE--CHARACTER OF CHRIST.

1. _____ → Knowing how the brain learns character can transform how we teach ourselves and others how to be our True Self and what being a Christian is. Quote by Dallas Willard.
2. What it means to believe in Jesus:
 1. _____
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3. _____ → Designed to build and sustain loving relationships with the people God has placed in your life. The science of the brain and character formation can help us thrive and become part of a model of life – joyful, godly maturity. God is described in over 200 times in the Old Testament as being “hesed”, a quality God also desires from us (Hosea 6:6). The Hebrew word “hesed” is translated as “devoted,” “faithful,” and “unchanging love.”
4. _____ → In the human brain, identity and character are formed by who we love. Attachments are powerful and long lasting. Salvation through a new, loving attachment to God changes our identities would be a relational way to understand our salvation— we are both saved and transformed through attachment love from, to, and with God. Attachment to God is meant to replace the will as the mechanism of salvation and transformation.

ACTION: Journal This.

1. Describe how love was expressed and experienced in your home as you were growing up?
2. Where do you experience love now?
3. How do you express love?

Quote by Dallas Willard

“Psychology is the care of souls. The care of souls was once the province of the church, but the church no longer provides that care. The most important thing about the care of souls is that you must love them.”

"Ruins (Rebuild My Soul)" by Thrive Workshop

<p>The war came through and tore my walls apart The battle wounds exposed the fear in my heart Surrounded by the ashes of defeat What could I do? Where could I go? It might look like the end for me But Your grace would disagree You see a new creation, You see what I could be You won't leave me in ruins, You won't leave me alone You rebuild my soul, You rebuild my soul There's no damaged pieces, that Your love can't make whole You rebuild my soul, You rebuild my soul</p>	<p>You never saw me as a lost cause I know the ground is level here at the cross You surrounded me with open arms What could I do? Where could I go? You won't leave me in ruins, You won't leave me alone You rebuild my soul, You rebuild my soul There's no damaged pieces, that Your love can't make whole You rebuild my soul, You rebuild my soul You rebuild my soul</p>	<p>I won't forget Your promise, I won't forget Your love You'll raise me from these ashes, make beauty out of dust You won't leave me in ruins, You won't leave me alone You rebuild my soul, You rebuild my soul There's no damaged pieces, that Your love can't make whole You rebuild my soul, You rebuild my soul You won't leave me in ruins, You won't leave me alone You rebuild my soul, You rebuild my soul There's no damaged pieces, that Your love can't make whole You rebuild my soul, You rebuild my soul</p>
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Bible Verses – The Message

<p>Isaiah 1:1-19 - 1 The vision that Isaiah son of Amoz saw regarding Judah and Jerusalem during the times of the kings of Judah: Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. 2 Heaven and earth, you're the jury. Listen to God's case: "I had children and raised them well, and they turned on me. 3 The ox knows who's boss, the mule knows the hand that feeds him, But not Israel. My people don't know up from down. 4 Shame! Misguided God-dropouts, staggering under their guilt-baggage, Gang of miscreants, band of vandals - My people have walked out on me, their God, turned their backs on The Holy of Israel, walked off and never looked back. 5 "Why bother even trying to do anything with you when you just keep to your bullheaded ways? You keep beating your heads against brick walls. Everything within you protests against you. 6 From the bottom of your feet to the top of your head, nothing's working right. Wounds and bruises and running sores - untended, unwashed, unbandaged. 7 Your country is laid waste, your cities burned down. Your land is destroyed by outsiders while you watch, reduced to rubble by barbarians. 8 Daughter Zion is deserted - like a tumbledown shack on a dead-end street, Like a tarpaper shanty on the wrong side of the tracks, like a sinking ship abandoned by the rats. 9 If God-of-the-Angel-Armies hadn't left us a few survivors, we'd be as desolate as Sodom, doomed just like Gomorrah. 10 "Listen to my Message, you Sodom-schooled leaders. Receive God's revelation, you Gomorrah-schooled people. 11 "Why this frenzy of sacrifices?" God's asking. "Don't you think I've had my fill of burnt sacrifices, rams and plump grain-fed calves? Don't you think I've had my fill of blood from bulls, lambs, and goats? 12 When you come before me, who ever gave</p>	<p>you the idea of acting like this, Running here and there, doing this and that - all this sheer commotion in the place provided for worship? 13 "Quit your worship charades. I can't stand your trivial religious games: Monthly conferences, weekly Sabbaths, special meetings - meetings, meetings, meetings - I can't stand one more! 14 Meetings for this, meetings for that. I hate them! You've worn me out! I'm sick of your religion, religion, religion, while you go right on sinning. 15 When you put on your next prayer-performance, I'll be looking the other way. No matter how long or loud or often you pray, I'll not be listening. And do you know why? Because you've been tearing people to pieces, and your hands are bloody. 16 Go home and wash up. Clean up your act. Sweep your lives clean of your evildoings so I don't have to look at them any longer. Say no to wrong. 17 Learn to do good. Work for justice. Help the down-and-out. Stand up for the homeless. Go to bat for the defenseless. Let's Argue This Out 18 "Come. Sit down. Let's argue this out." This is God's Message: "If your sins are blood-red, they'll be snow-white. If they're red like crimson, they'll be like wool. 19 If you'll willingly obey, you'll feast like kings.</p> <p>Hosea 6:4-7 - 4 "What am I to do with you, Ephraim? What do I make of you, Judah? Your declarations of love last no longer than morning mist and predawn dew. 5 That's why I use prophets to shake you to attention, why my words cut you to the quick: To wake you up to my judgment blazing like light. 6 I'm after love that lasts, not more religion. I want you to know God, not go to more prayer meetings. 7 You broke the covenant - just like Adam! You broke faith with me - ungrateful wretches!</p>
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