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RESTORE = To Renew To A Former State

Psalm 23:1-3 (NKJV) (1) The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. (2) He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. (3) He restores my soul;

“restores” – is the Hebrew word “Shub” it means to return, or, to bring back
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- The Lord Restores / Reforms / Rebuilds / Renews in every area of life

- RESTORE: 2018 = God Can Rebuild / Restore / Revitalize Our Lives In 2018
In Jesus Christ Lives Are Restored – Reformed – Rebuilt

Christ Was Known As The Carpenter

Mark 6:1-3 (NIV) (1) Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. (2) When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! (3) Isn't this the carpenter?
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0 Jesus: A Skilled Carpenter

0 The Master Builder – Rebuilds His People

0 The Builder -- The Restorer
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0 The People & Leaders of His Day Wanted:
  0 A Conqueror
  0 Soldier
  0 Political Leader

0 What They Got:
  0 A Worker
  0 A Builder
  0 A Carpenter
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0 Jesus: The Master Builder
0 He Builds People’s Lives
0 He Built This World Of Creation

0 John 1:3 (NIV) (3) Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.
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Matthew 16:18 (NIV) (18) And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.
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Ephesians 2:19-22 (NIV) ...God's household, (20) built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. (21) In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. (22) And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.
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- The Master Builder—is An Architect, One Who Plans, Calculates, And Constructs A Building Of Our Lives And Of This World.

- The Builder And Craftsman.

- The Great Architect, Designer, Fabricator The Preparer, Arranger.

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**TODAY -- JESUS IS STILL BUILDING!**

*Jesus said, "I will build my church."

*Every Time Someone Comes To Christ – Another Living Stone Is Added To His Church That He Is Building*
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- JESUS IS BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

- The Builder Is Constructing A Great Home
  In Eternity For Those Who Are His

- Building The Lives Of Those Who Come To Him

- He Builds In Faith -- And In Faith Life
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- Restorations / Makeovers / Changes / Are Significant Aspect Of Human Life

- We Are Very Aware Of The Image We Present -- People Will Go To Great Lengths To Look Or Sound Like They Have Been Super-Changed And Living At A Different Level
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0 In The Bible Many People Got New Names And A New Life And A New Image.

0 In Christ Restorations Are Not The Exception -- They Are The Rule!

0 Jesus Has The Power To Change Us
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0 Jesus Restores Lives -- Seen All Thru His Ministry
0 READ: Matthew 9:18-33

0 Jesus Touches, Heals, Delivers, Restores The Lives Of All Who Come To Him In Faith -- He Builds A Whole Life Restoration

0 In The Case Of The Miracle Ministry Of Jesus Christ People Were Amazed At The Restored Lives
Matthew 12:13 (NIV) (13) Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other
The Father Of This Boy With Seizures Asks For Pity And Help From Christ

(Mark 9:22b NIV) if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."
(Mark 9:23 NIV) "'If you can'?' said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."

Jesus Explains The Power Principle Here:

Sir... What You Need ... Is Faith.

Jesus' Ability Is Never In Question --- He Is The Master Builder
He Builds And Rebuilds
When We Believe In God -- We Find That Nothing Is Too Difficult For Him

Yet -- There Is A Faith / Belief Crisis

Jesus Was Saying: “If You Believe... You Will Receive This Restoration”

(Mark 9:24 NIV) Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"
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There Is A Universal Theological Truth:
“To Approach Anything In The Spirit Of Hopelessness Is To Make It Hopeless. To Approach Anything In The Spirit Of Faith Is To Make It A Possibility.”
Wm. Barclay Daily Bible Series

“Faith opens up possibilities that remain closed to unbelief.”
College Press NIV Commentary
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What Should We Do With Unbelief?

We Should Resist And Pray Against It.

We Must Not Allow Unbelief To Keep Us Away From Christ And His Restoration Power
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NOTICE WHAT JESUS SAYS TO THIS MAN...
“You’re asking Me if I can do anything,” He says. “But let Me ask you, Can you do this one thing? Can you believe?”

Will You Believe? That The Master Builder And Creator – Can Come Into Your Life – Your Situation And Meet You There

Yes, He Can! Yes, He Will!
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A. B. Simpson said:

Whatever God has ever done, He can do again!

Whatever God has ever done anywhere, He can do here.

Anything God has done for anyone, He can do for you.
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0 Restoration And Rebuilding Takes Faith
0 Believe: That God Can And Will Change Things
0 Believe: That Any Mountain Set Against The Child Of God Can And Will Be Moved
0 Christ The Master Builder And Restorer Responds To Faith!