



Sermon Title: The Struggle Behind the Struggle

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Scripture: 2 Chronicles 29:2 – (Hezekiah) did right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his (ancestor) David had done.

1. We can applaud things we don't understand and haven't applied!
2. God can birth restoration in the darkest of times.
3. God's large-scale restorations often begin with a small group of believers.
4. One person can accomplish much when they're aligned with the One who made the heavens and the earth.
5. A nation's political welfare ultimately hinges on its spiritual welfare.
6. A foundation of sin can't support a society of justice and peace.
7. Those who want to be used by God don't hide their intentions or their motivation.
8. Those who don't want to yield to God only hear our compromise - not our convictions.
9. Devotion to God can't be kept secret! If our devotion doesn't destroy our secrecy, our secrecy will destroy our devotion.
10. Where there's no doubt of sin there's no need of delay.
11. God's purifying fire falls on sacrifice, not an empty altar! He can only purify what we present!
12. Restoration begins in a renewed conviction of sin within God's people.
13. Downplaying sin to attract people to Jesus doesn't indicate progress; it indicates a compromised priesthood that's lost sight of God!

Growth Group Questions

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PRE-GAME

1. Share something good that happened to you this week and then verbally give thanks to God in one sentence.

KICK-OFF

1. Are there areas of your spiritual life that are crying out for reform? If so, what are they, and what steps can you take to pursue those reforms?
2. Spiritual reform always begins with God's people. Is there any sin or corruption in your life that needs put to death? If so, are you willing to repent and turn from it? Although it seems difficult, confessing and renouncing sin to one another leads to healing, freedom, and restoration. It also demonstrates humility, and God gives grace to the humble. (See James 4:6 and 5:16.)
3. *"If the spiritual restoration necessary for increased justice in this nation depended entirely on your devotion - your prayers, your faith, and your obedience - would this nation experience restoration?"* Why or why not?
4. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or inspiring in the sermon today and why?

THE PLAYBOOK

Read the passage below and discuss any insights into today's message.

- 1 John 1:6-9

PRACTICE / FILM STUDY

- Spend some time alone with God and ask Him if there are areas of your life that require immediate reforms in order to become and to accomplish all that He intended. What do you hear Him saying? Write down what you hear or sense in a journal and make declarations for change moving forward. Share them with a trusted friend or group of friends so they can support and pray for you.
- If you don't already have one in place, develop a consistent practice of recognizing, acknowledging, and properly dealing with the sin that surfaces in your life. Verbally confess it, renounce it, and repent or turn away from it. Ask the Holy Spirit daily to examine your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin you may not be aware of. Find one or two people you trust and meet together regularly to encourage each other and confess sin to one another.

