



**Theme:** Sharing Your Story

**Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT**

*God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us boast about it.*

**“Restore to me the joy of my salvation.”**

We all enjoy hearing the words, “Good job!”, after having worked hard and made an intentional effort to deliver excellence. Recognition feels good because it affirms our hard work and dedication. But, what about the days when we fall short? When our plans fail, our mistakes seem large, leaving us feeling disappointed in ourselves.

Those moments can quickly lead us down a path of discouragement. Yet the Gospel reminds us of a powerful truth: our value is not based on our performance. God demonstrated this to us through His gift of Salvation that can never be earned. When we remember that our relationship with God is built upon a foundation of His grace and not our achievements, we can find freedom from the weight of disappointment.

Our stories that reflect both our triumphs and our struggles become powerful testimonies of God's faithfulness. As we share how God has carried us through difficult seasons, we point others to the One who restores, strengthens, and redeems.

**Share:** What was your best day? How did it make you feel? Share an experience that you felt God's grace during a time when you thought you had fallen short. Why does it feel difficult to separate our identity from our performance? How has God used a challenge in your life to strengthen your faith? How can you use that story to encourage someone who is struggling? How can we help one another remember that apart from God we can do nothing, but with Him all things are possible?



# Prayer Connection

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**Pray:** Heavenly Father, thank you for saving us by your grace. Remind us when the hard days come that our worth is found in you alone. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and help us to share our stories in such a way that brings you glory and honor. Amen.

## **Suggested Prayer Topics**

- Pray for yourself. Ask God to bring to the surface what you need to learn from the scripture or what needs to be addressed within your heart and renew the desire to engage with those that need the hope of Jesus.
- Pray for Stonecroft Ministries. Pray for the mission of the ministry, the Board of Directors, National Office staff and volunteers across the nation.
- Pray for the needs of your family and friends. Pray that God gives you opportunities to speak into their lives and with the hope and encouragement only found in Jesus.
- Pray for local Outreach Groups (Women's Connections, Bible studies, etc.) and your community. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel. Pray for hearts and minds that are ready to receive him.
- Pray for our nation. For wisdom and protection of our leaders on every level, our workplaces, and our families.
- Pray for global evangelism. Pray that every woman everywhere would be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.