



**re•turn** *verb* 1. to go or come back, as to a former place, position, or state 2. to revert to a former owner  
*synonyms:* rejoin, restore, replace

**re•vive** *verb* 1. to activate 2. to set in motion 3. to renew 4. to restore to life or consciousness 5. to take up again  
*synonyms:* revitalize, refresh, reactivate



# Return» «Revive

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Turn my heart toward Your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to Your Word.  
Psalm 119:36-37

» regarding Psalm 23 »

Our restoration is also not simply individual, though the psalm is often read as a promise to the individual. The Shepherd is never the shepherd of just one sheep. He is the Shepherd of the flock. In restoring the lives of the flock, He restores also the life of the flock. He makes it a flock of healthy and strong sheep, able to band together for the good of the flock.

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» **Praise: our God Who is there—Jehovah Shammah— and Who dwells among us**

We may find our hearts turning away from God's statutes and towards things we discover to be worthless, but God does not turn away from us. He waits for us to return to Him, and when we do, He revives and restores us. He wants to dwell among us as our High and Holy King. **We praise God for Who He is, His attributes and character. Use these verses to praise God Who is there and dwells among us.**

Deuteronomy 31:6b

Ezekiel 48:35b

John 1:14

Isaiah 12:6

Matthew 28:20b

Revelation 21:3

Isaiah 57:15

» **Confession: Silently confess your own doubts and fears about turning every part of your life over to God's will, and trusting His plan to work through you in order to reach others for Him.**

Matthew 21:20-21

Psalm 51:12

» **Thanksgiving: We give thanks for what God does. He uses His Word and the Holy Spirit to empower us to complete His work. Use the verses below to thank God for how He equips us to share His story with others.**

*Thank you, God, for giving us Your words when we don't know what to say.*  
Jeremiah 1:9; Exodus 4:10-12

*Thank you, God, for Your Holy Word that teaches us and equips us.*  
2 Timothy 3:16-17

*Thank you, God, for giving us the Holy Spirit, who helps us and empowers us.*  
Acts 4:31; John 3:34

» **Intercession: In groups of two or three, pray for each other using one or both of the verses below. Also address any other prayer requests group members may have.**

Turn \_\_\_\_\_ away from wanting any other plan than Yours. Revive his/her heart toward You. Reassure \_\_\_\_\_ that Your promises are for him/her, for those who trust and revere You. Psalm 119:37-38

Now may the God of peace equip \_\_\_\_\_ with everything good, that he/she may do Your will, working in \_\_\_\_\_ that which is pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ. Hebrews 13:20-21

**Remain in small groups or come back together in large groups to pray for those who are lost and seeking. Use the verses below as a guide.**

- Thank God that He wants all to be saved. *2 Peter 3:9*
- Thank God for His gift of salvation. *Romans 5:8, 15*
- Thank God that He seeks the lost. *Luke 19:10, John 6:44*
- Ask that those who are lost will hear a clear explanation of the Gospel. *Romans 10:14-15*
- Ask that they will seek to know God as the Holy Spirit works in them. *Deuteronomy 4:29*
- Ask that they will confess Christ as Savior and turn from sin. *Romans 10:9-10*

» **Amen! So be it.**

**Come back together as a group and thank God for answering our prayers and for equipping us so that we may bear fruit that is worthy of the work He has given us.**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21

Except for the new life, none of this restoration is instantaneous. The healing of the sick and the wounded takes time. The strengthening of the weak takes time. The renewing of the appetites and of the mind takes time. The Good Shepherd uses the flock in the restoring of the individual. As the individual grows stronger, he in turn is used by the Shepherd in the restoring of other souls. May we be pleased to have our Good Shepherd restore our souls so that we may be used by Him in the restoring of the souls of others.

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» Praise

The Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. *Deuteronomy 31:6b*

Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you. *Isaiah 12:6*

For this is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: “I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.” *Isaiah 57:15*

And the name of the city from that time on will be: The Lord is There. *Ezekiel 48:35b*

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. *Matthew 28:20b*

The Word became flesh and make his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. *John 1:14*

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. *Revelation 21:3*

» Confession

When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, “How did the fig tree wither at once?” And Jesus answered them, “Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ it will happen. And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.” *Matthew 21:20-21*

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit in me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me with a willing spirit, to sustain me. *Psalms 51:12*

» Thanksgiving

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.” *Jeremiah 1:9*

But Moses said to the LORD, “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.” Then the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.” *Exodus 4:10-12*



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*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. *Acts 4:31*

For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure.

*John 3:34*

### » Intercession

· Thank God that He wants all to be saved.

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. *2 Peter 3:9*

· Thank God for His gift of salvation.

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. *Romans 5:8, 15*

· Thank God that He seeks the lost.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. *John 6:44*

· Ask that those who are lost will hear a clear explanation of the Gospel.

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” *Romans 10:14-15*

· Ask that they will seek to know God as the Holy Spirit works in them.

But from there you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. *Deuteronomy 4:29*

· Ask that they will confess Christ as Savior and turn from sin.

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. *Romans 10:9-10*

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