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**The Road To Restoration**  
"Yielding Yourself To God"  
2 Corinthians 1:3-7

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Introduction: We have invested the past seven weeks in our journey headed toward restoration. We have covered a lot of ground.

1. We have:
  - Identified the problem.
  - Identified the answer.
  - Recognized the need to personally accept Jesus.
  - Focused on the freedom of forgiveness.
  - Walked through the process of change.
  - Learned to resolve relational hurt.
  - Learned to stay the course.
2. Today we close out our study by focusing on the need to yield yourself to God.
3. Here's the idea:
  - God has a purpose for each one of us.
  - Our enemy, Satan is out to destroy us and that purpose.
  - As we turn to God for healing and restoration, He sets us free so He can use us to reach others.
4. When you understand God wants to use you, and actually yield yourself to God, the journey to restoration is complete.
5. You've gone from victim to victor!
6. So, the question this morning is ... how can we turn out journey into a restorative ministry for Jesus?

- I. Step 1: We Must Understand God
  - A. He Has Given Free Will
  - B. He Uses Pain To Get My Attention
  - C. He Uses Pain to Cultivate Dependence
  - D. He Turns Pain Into Opportunity
- II. Step 2: We Must Understand Ministry
  - A. Be Humble
  - B. Be Real
  - C. Be Patient

Conclusion: Today we have completed a study, but the journey is ongoing!

1. Here is what we must do to live this journey.
  - Make sure you have a personal relationship with Jesus.
  - Connect with a church family (support, service, nurture).
  - Write out your journey.
  - Identify someone in need.
  - Love them, connect with them, pray for opportunity, share.
2. God wants to and will use you!