

## A Mature Mindset – Part 12

### 4th of July

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! **Strive for full restoration**, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. **2 Corinthians 13:11 (NIV)**

- A Mature Mindset willingly submits to God's process.

#### A. God's process involves daily renewal.

*I love you, Lord; you are my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. I called on the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies.* **Psalm 18:1-3 (NLT)**

#### B. God's process involves complete honesty.

*God made my life complete when I placed all the pieces before him. When I cleaned up my act, he gave me a fresh start. Indeed, I've kept alert to God's ways; I haven't taken God for granted. Every day I review the ways he works, I try not to miss a trick. I feel put back together, and I'm watching my step. God rewrote the text of my life when I opened the book of my heart to his eyes.* **2 Samuel 22:21-25 (MSG)**

*There was a famine during David's reign that lasted for three years, so David asked the Lord about it. And the Lord said, "The famine has come because Saul and his family are guilty of murdering the Gibeonites."* **2 Samuel 21:1 (NLT)**

*But he gave them Saul's two sons Armoni and Mephibosheth, whose mother was Rizpah daughter of Aiah. He also gave them the five sons of Saul's daughter Merab, the wife of Adriel son of Barzillai from Meholah. The men of Gibeon executed them on the mountain before the Lord. So all seven of them died together at the beginning of the barley harvest.* **2 Samuel 21:8-9 (NLT)**

*Then Rizpah daughter of Aiah, the mother of two of the men, spread burlap on a rock and stayed there the entire harvest season. She prevented the scavenger birds from tearing at their bodies during the day and stopped wild animals from eating them at night. When David learned what Rizpah, Saul's concubine, had done, he went to the people of Jabesh-gilead and retrieved the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan. (When the Philistines had killed Saul and Jonathan on Mount Gilboa, the people of Jabesh-gilead stole their bodies from the public square of*

*Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hung them.) So David obtained the bones of Saul and Jonathan, as well as the bones of the men the Gibeonites had executed. Then the king ordered that they bury the bones in the tomb of Kish, Saul's father, at the town of Zela in the land of Benjamin. After that, God ended the famine in the land.* **2 Samuel 21:10-14 (NLT)**

**Principle: Spiritual power is not magic. It is God's presence that flows through God's people who are completely submitted to Him.**

#### Honesty About Wounded Pieces Of My Life:

##### Brokenness vs Woundedness

- Brokenness focuses on God – woundedness focuses on me.
- Brokenness focuses on God's healing – woundedness focuses on my pain.
- Brokenness focuses on my responsibility – woundedness focuses on my rights.
- Brokenness focuses on my potential – woundedness focuses on my failure.
- Brokenness focuses on the future – woundedness focuses on the past.
- Brokenness focuses on dependence – woundedness focuses on self-reliance.

*Instead, let us test and examine our ways. Let us turn back to the LORD.* **Lamentations 3:40 (NLT)**