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A NICE PLACE TO VISIT

Text: Hebrews 10:32-34

Last week we looked at the principle of *renewal* -- that you need to draw near to God on a d_____ b_____ and find strength in his p_____, so that your tank is always full.

Today I want to talk to about the m_____ v_____ that we sometimes take, the places we visit in our thoughts and in our memories. I want to talk to you about how these thoughts and memories affect our lives in the present.

I want to talk to you about how these thoughts and memories affect our lives in the p_____.

These four messages are about how you can make *these days* "your glory days," and how you can make this time -- right here, right now -- the time of your life.

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Today we'll talk about the "Principle of Reconnection." This is what reconnection means: To re_____ with the best part of your p_____, not so that you spend all your time dwelling on it, but so you can use it to empower your life today.

The keyword is reconnect -- and there are three other "re" words that we will look at as we learn how to put this principle into practice.

1. R_____ how things used to be.

We need to remember the d_____ of v_____. The problem is that we're oftentimes are prone to do the opposite -- to remember the worst days of our lives, to dwell on the times we failed, to replay and review defeat after defeat after defeat.

With every playback, we become more and more convinced that this is who we are and things will never ever change.

If you want to make these days your glory days, then get in the habit of thinking back to the best days of your life, and reliving your moments of greatest victory.

2. R_____ the things you used to do.

C_____ has always been a danger in the spiritual life. It's easy to get a little lazy, a little too comfortable, and then to lose focus on what really matters.

What is our first love? The r_____ we have with God through Jesus Christ.

God wants to be l_____ before he is served. Yes, serving God is an essential part of the Christian life, but we must remember that l_____ comes first. Rev. 2:4-5

Jesus didn't tell the Ephesians to repent and feel what they used to feel. He said, in effect, "Do what you u_____ to do."

3. R_____ your greatest victories.