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R.E.W.I.R.E.D.

The Blood That Rewires Our Homes and Hearts



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Over the next two Sundays, we are diving into a series called R.E.W.I.R.E.D. The premise is simple but powerful: being in Christ rewires everything. It rewires how you forgive, how you belong, how you connect, how you heal, and how you respond to the world around you.

R – Restored Forgiveness **E** – Eternal Adoption **W** – Welded in Unity **I** – Inner Restoration

R – Reaching the Marginalized **E** – Extravagant Generosity **D** – Deployed as Agents of Love

Today, we are covering the first four letters: R.E.W.I. These four blood-bought gifts rewire our family dynamics; how we relate to God, to ourselves, and to the people in our homes and our community. Family can be complicated. Whether it is the family you were born into or the family you have chosen in the church, relationships have a way of getting messy. But Jesus did not just die to save you individually, He died to REWIRE you. His blood did not just wash away your sins; it completely REWIRED how you relate to everybody else.

II Cor 5:14-19 (NLT) *Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. ¹⁵ He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶ So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! ¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! ¹⁸ And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.*

Some of you are carrying wounds from home. Some of you are holding onto offenses in this church. Today, we bring it all to the table. We will seal this rewiring with communion.

1. R – RESTORED FORGIVENESS (Releasing the Debt While Setting Wise Boundaries)

Let us start with forgiveness. You cannot move forward with new wiring if you are still short-circuiting with unforgiveness. Biblical forgiveness is not weakness it is freedom. And freedom includes the wisdom to steward your heart and your home by setting boundaries with those who have the capacity to keep harming you.

Matthew 18:15-17 (NLT) *If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. ¹⁶ But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.* Matthew, writing to Jewish Christians, records Jesus' teaching. Just before this, in verse 14, Jesus declares that the Father is not willing that any little one should perish—showing God's heart for restoration, not punishment. But Jesus also gives a process. Restoration of fellowship depends on repentance. Treating someone as a pagan or tax collector does not mean you stop loving them or wishing them well. It means you stop pretending they have open access to your inner life. You release them to God while protecting your heart and your household.

Proverbs 4:23 (ESV) *Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.* Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, wrote this to his son as practical fatherly wisdom. In the verses just before this, he urges his son to listen closely to his words, for they are life to those who find them. Immediately after, he warns against crooked speech. Guarding your heart is not selfishness—it is stewardship. You do not hand the keys to your emotional house back to someone who has already ransacked it.

Matthew 10:16 (NLT) *Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves.* Jesus is commissioning His twelve disciples for ministry. Just before this, He warns of judgment upon unrepentant cities. Immediately after, He warns them to beware of men who will hand them over to councils. Forgiveness does not require naivety. You can forgive a wolf while still building a fence. The Blood covers the offense, but wisdom guides your steps.

2: E – ETERNAL ADOPTION (Becoming Part of God's Unshakable Household)

Once you have released the offense through restored forgiveness, you need to know who you actually are. The Blood gives you a new last name. You are no longer defined by your dysfunctional biological lineage, your failed marriages, your prodigal children, or your broken family tree. You are rewired by your adoption into the family of God.

Ephesians 1:5 (NLT) *God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.* Paul wrote this letter to the believers in Ephesus while under house arrest in Rome. Just one verse before this, he declares that God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless. The verse immediately after shifts our focus to the praise of God's glorious grace. Your adoption is not an afterthought—it is an eternal, pre-creation decision driven entirely by God's delight, not your worthiness. You are not an accident in this family; you were planned for it before time began. Mephibosheth in 2 Samuel 9... David adopts and restores Jonathan's disabled son to a place of honor at the king's table, despite his lowly status. This illustrates how God adopts us and gives us a seat at His table.

Romans 8:15 (NLT) *So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, 'Abba, Father.'* Paul wrote this to the multicultural house churches in Rome. Just before this, he explains that those who are led by the Spirit are the true sons of God. Immediately after, the Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are God's children. This means the Blood of Jesus did not just get you out of hell—it brought you into a home. You are not a guest or a stranger; you are a son or daughter with full inheritance rights.

Galatians 4:4-5 (ESV) *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.* Paul wrote this to the churches in Galatia, who were being tempted to go back to religious rule-keeping. Just before this, he speaks of being enslaved to elementary worldly principles. Immediately after, he confirms that God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out "Abba! Father!" This is a radical shift from slavery to sonship—bought by blood, not by behavior. You did not earn your way into this family. You were bought in. Your last name, your nationality, your past mistakes, and your family baggage do not disqualify you. That means you do not get to disqualify anyone else either. When you know who you are, you stop begging for love from people who cannot give it, because your Father already has and you are secure in His love.

3: W – WELDED IN UNITY (Demolishing Every Wall of Hostility)

Adoption gives you identity. But that identity is not meant to be lived in isolation. The blood welds us together. It does not just make you individually clean. It makes you collectively ONE. It tears down the racial, cultural, generational, and relational walls that divide biological families and church families.

Ephesians 2:13-14 (ESV) *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.* Paul is specifically addressing the ancient hostility between Jewish and Gentile believers. Just before this, he reminds them they were once separated from Christ, alienated from Israel, and without hope. Immediately after, he explains that Christ abolished the law of commandments to create one new humanity. The blood is not just a cleanser—it is a demolition crew, tearing down every barrier that tries to divide God's house, including the barriers in your own home.

Ephesians 2:16 (NLT) *Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.* Just before this, he speaks of creating one new man out of the two. Immediately after, he says Christ came and preached peace to those far and near. Reconciliation to God is intrinsically tied to reconciliation to each other. You cannot be made right with the Father while staying hostile to your spouse, your parent, your child, or your brother in the church.

Colossians 3:11 (NLT) *In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.* Paul wrote this to the church in Colossae while in prison. Just before this, he calls us to put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge. Immediately after, he urges them to clothe themselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. The Blood does not just erase your sin, it erases your superiority complex. The Blood did not just cover sin. It welded us together. Whatever is separating you from someone in your home or in

this church, the cross has already dealt with it. You cannot hold onto a grudge and hold onto the Blood at the same time. Oneness is not uniformity; it is unity in diversity, held together by the same precious Blood.

4. I – INNER RESTORATION (Healing and Moving Forward in Wholeness)

Forgiveness clears the slate. Adoption gives you identity. Unity connects you to others. But Inner Restoration is what puts the broken pieces of your soul, your mind, and your emotions back together. It is the "beauty for ashes" part of the blood. Without this restoration, you just survive—but Jesus died so you could thrive.

Joel 2:25-26 (NLT) *The Lord says, 'I will give you back what you lost to the swarming locusts, the hopping locusts, the stripping locusts, and the cutting locusts. It was I who sent this great destroying army against you. Once again you will have all the food you want, and you will praise the Lord your God, who does these miracles for you. Never again will my people be disgraced.'* Joel is speaking to the nation of Judah after a devastating plague of locusts—a physical symbol of spiritual and emotional devastation. Just before this, he promises that the threshing floors will be full of grain. Immediately after, God declares, "I am in the midst of Israel." The blood gives back the years that anxiety, betrayal, and division stole from your biological and church family. Joseph in Genesis 45 and 50. Despite being sold into slavery by his brothers, Joseph forgave them and said, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good." God restored everything Joseph lost and gave him a position of honor. This illustrates how God restores the wasted years.

1 Peter 5:10 (NLT) *In his kindness, God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.* Peter writes to persecuted believers scattered throughout Asia Minor. Just before this, he urges them to stand firm against the devil, knowing their brothers are suffering elsewhere. Immediately after, he ascribes power and glory to God forever. Restoration is not passive—it is active. God does not just patch you up; He restores, supports, strengthens, and establishes you.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 (NLT) *And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.* Paul writes to the Corinthian church defending his apostolic ministry. Just before this, he declares that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation—the old is gone. Immediately after, he begs them on Christ's behalf: "Be reconciled to God!" You are healed so you can help heal others. The Blood does not just cancel your debt—it rebuilds your house. When you put your relationships under the Blood, God takes the ruined foundation and lays a new one. You may have been wounded in your home, but God restores the wasted years. You are not damaged goods; you are a repaired masterpiece. Inner restoration is your inheritance.

COMMUNION: Now we come to the table. We have covered R.E.W.I. today: Restored Forgiveness, Eternal Adoption, Welded in Unity, and Inner Restoration. Now we seal this rewiring with communion.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NLT) *For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread ²⁴ and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'²⁵ In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it.'²⁶ For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.*

Paul received this directly by divine revelation. Just before this, he rebuked them for humiliating the poor during their love feasts—they were missing the relational point of the meal. Immediately after, he warns them against eating and drinking in an unworthy manner. So, as we take this, let us do it with reverence for each other, not just reverence for the ritual. Examine your heart for any broken relationship that the Blood needs to touch.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (NLT) *When we bless the cup at the Lord's Table, aren't we sharing in the blood of Christ? And when we break the bread, aren't we sharing in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body.*