

# Restored

## Isaiah 54:1-10

*Isaiah 62:4 You will no longer be called Deserted, and your land will not be called Desolate; instead, you will be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land will be married.*

### Into the Lesson:

Take some time to read Hosea 1:1-9 and try to imagine what it would have been like for Hosea (and others of the Prophets) to have your life used as a “living visual aid” to proclaim God’s truths.

How do you think his family would have felt about him “finding a promiscuous woman” for a wife?

### Into the Word:

How did Sam’s sermon (and Hebrew lesson) and Hannah’s powerful worship meditation help “put the pieces together” for a clearer picture of this important book?

As Lane pointed out, “...the poetry of the Old Testament is honestly really challenging to me”.

As you reread Isaiah 54:1-10, make note of the verses that seem glaringly obvious and those less easy to understand.

How does this imagery provide a “**powerful illustration**” of the restoration that God desires for His children?

How is it that, from the Garden, through the Wanderings and throughout Israel’s history God has continually had to push “reset” (Isaiah 53:4-9) for God’s people?

Do you think the average Jewish person had any inkling of the restoration that was taking place around them?

Lane provided the threefold restoration that was taking place for the Nation of Israel. Take the time to focus on those areas and the impact on the lives of those who were “living it”:

Restoration of Joy: 54:1-

Restoration of Fruitfulness: 54:1-3-

Restoration of Confidence: 54:4-10-

### Into Life:

Apart from news casts, gas prices, food prices etc., do you think the average 21<sup>st</sup> century American has any inkling of the dire straits of our world situation?

Where do you think “Spiritual Concerns” would fit into their thought processes?

What impact do think the following would have on increasing spiritual awareness:

Joy-

Fruitfulness-

Confidence-

And how do we translate these important ideals into an everyday lifestyle?

Do the people we encounter see us as Joyful, Faithful and Confident in Christ or do we appear to be “slogging along” like the rest of the community?

What needs to happen in your life to reset the picture people have of Valley Christian Church?

How can Lane’s **3 and 1 Challenge** start us on that track?

*“...for the LORD delights in you...”*

*Isaiah 62:4*

### This Week’s Songs:

If Our God Is For Us

Undivided

He Leadeth Me (Hymn #636)

The Power Of The Cross (Hymn #821)

Good God

