Overcoming Our Jericho

Joshua 8

Failure Is Never Forever

Repentance: Facing The Sin That Brought Failure
Joshua 8:1

Repentance:

Makes no excuses

Doesn't minimize the damage

Doesn't avoid responsibility

Psm 51:3 "For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me."

True repentance changes our mind, our heart and our actions!

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Practical Repentance

- ***Sometimes repentance means ending a relationship that should never have begun.***
- ***Sometimes repentance means admitting dishonesty and making restitution.***
- ***Sometimes repentance means asking for help, accepting accountability, and making changes to protect yourself***
- ***Sometimes repentance means saying to a spouse, a child, or a friend, "What I did was wrong. I am asking your forgiveness, and here is what I am doing to change."***

Restoration: Receiving God's Grace and Following Him Forward

Joshua 8:1

Restoration

- Reminds us of God's faithfulness
- Releases us from our failure
- Gives us hope and a future
- Reminds us of consequences
- Calls for renewed obedience

When we do OUR part of repentance, God does HIS part of restoration

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Recommitment: Putting God Back In His Proper Place

Joshua 8:30-35

Recommitment

- **Worship:** They built an altar to God
- **Sacrifice:** They offered fellowship and peace offerings
- **Word:** They read the ENTIRE book of the Law

Recommitment requires more than good intentions. It requires bringing our lives back under God's authority.

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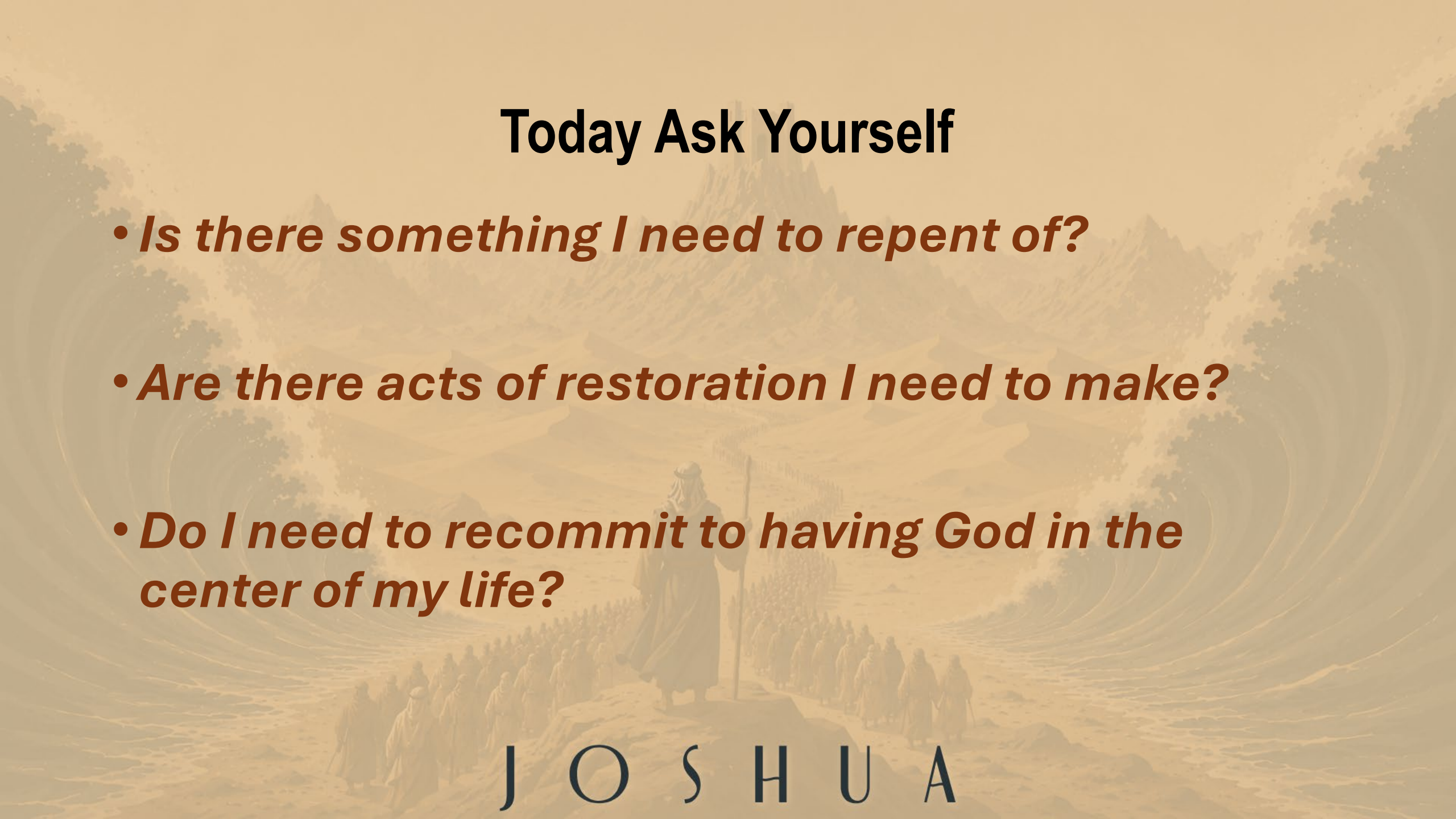
Today Ask Yourself

- *Is there something I need to repent of?*
- *Are there acts of restoration I need to make?*
- *Do I need to recommit to having God in the center of my life?*