

## **Sermon Outline: Restarting Starts with Reverence for God's Timing, Authority and Power**

- Ezra and Nehemiah; Dan. 2:44; Galatians 4:4; Paul's Mission Work Acts 9:10-18; 13:1-5; 16:6-10; 19:8-12
  
- **How do we know if our restart is in God's Timing?**  
Does it fit under God's Authority and is it dependent on God's Power?
  - God's Authority – God's Timing will not contradict:
    1. God's commands properly interpreted from the Bible.
    2. God's revealed eternal purpose, plan and mission.
    3. God's character, righteousness and love.
  - God's Power – God's Timing will not contradict:
    1. God's work toward his eternal plan, purpose, and mission.
    2. God's love for those in need.
    3. God's wisdom revealed through the Holy Spirit in the hearts of His church family.
  
- **Trust God's Authority and Power and Wait Patiently for His Timing**
  - Patience is a spiritual fruit ([Galatians 5:22](#)),
  - "Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him" ([Psalm 37:7](#)),
  - For God is good to those who wait for Him ([Lamentations 3:25](#)). And our patience often reveals the degree of trust we have in God's timing, authority and power. We must remember that God operates according to His perfect and foreordained eternal schedule, not ours.
  - We should take great comfort in knowing that, when we wait on the LORD, we receive divine energy and strength: "But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" ([Isaiah 40:31](#)).
  - "Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD!" ([Psalm 27:14](#)).

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What does it mean to "reverence" God's timing, authority and power?
2. What are some of the things we need to "restart" in our church?
3. How do we do these with "reverence" for God's timing, authority and power?