



SERMON SUMMARY

Restore Your Blessings, God!

Insights from Executive Minister Linda Teel's Sermon

The cry of Psalm 80 is a cry for restoration. Minister Teel reminds us that God's people sometimes ask for blessings while overlooking the greatest blessing already given, His presence. When we drift from God's purpose or forget His faithfulness, the path back begins with remembering who He is and returning to Him with trust.

1. GOD'S RESTORATION OFTEN BEGINS WITH A TESTIMONY



Powerful teaching often begins with a story of God's work. Testimonies remind us that God is still active, restoring what we cannot fix on our own.



Reflection: When have you seen God restore something in your life that you could not repair yourself?

2. FORGETTING GOD'S BLESSINGS LEADS TO SPIRITUAL DRIFT



Like Israel in Psalm 80, it is easy to lose sight of the blessings God has given. Remembering His faithfulness strengthens gratitude and trust.



Reflection: What blessings in your life might you have begun to take for granted?

3. GOD CREATED US WITH A PURPOSE



The illustration of the unused violin reminds us that our lives are meant to reflect the design of our Creator. When we live according to His purpose, our lives produce the music He intended.



Reflection: In what ways might God be inviting you to use your gifts more fully for His purposes?

4. THE GREATEST BLESSING IS GOD'S PRESENCE



Blessing is not primarily about success or comfort. The deepest blessing is knowing that God walks with us, guiding and sustaining us each day.



Reflection: How have you experienced God's presence as a blessing in your life?

5. OBEDIENCE PLACES US UNDER GOD'S PROTECTION



God's commands are not meant to restrict us but to guide and protect us. Trusting His wisdom allows Him to lead us safely through life's challenges.



Reflection: Where might God be asking you to trust Him through obedience right now?

6. RESTORATION BEGINS WITH RETURNING TO GOD



The turning point of Psalm 80 comes when the people recognize their need for God and cry out for His help. Renewal always begins with renewed dependence on Him.



Reflection: What would it look like for you to intentionally return to God in a deeper way this week?

TODAY'S FAITH CHALLENGE



Take a quiet moment to reflect on the insights above. Which truth about restoration or blessing stands out most in your current season of life? Ask God to help you recognize His presence and live more fully within the purpose He has given you.

- What blessings from God have shaped your life in meaningful ways?
- What step of trust or obedience might God be inviting you to take next?