Pursuing Restoration
Reinhald Pieterse

Spiritual Status
The Joy of the Lord Is my strength!
Grieving...
Looking for Answers...
What is a spiritual realm?
Hoop in Geloof!

God Relationship Status
God help me...
Jesus Who???
Where are you God...
Ek het U lief Here!
Jesus I adore you!

HAPPY MOMENTS, PRAISE GOD
DIFFICULT MOMENTS, SEEK GOD
PAINFUL MOMENTS, TRUST GOD
EVERY MOMENT, THANK GOD
I LOVE GOD
SHARE IF YOU AGREE!
Trials and tribulation

Matthew 10:34-40

34   Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth. I did not come to send peace, but a sword.
35   For I have come to set a man against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.
36   And a man's foes shall be those of his own household.
37   He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.
38   And he who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.
39   He who finds his life shall lose it. And he who loses his life for My sake shall find it.
40   He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.
John 16:33
I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

1 Peter 1:3-9
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that does not fade away, reserved in Heaven for you

5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith being more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and full of glory,
9 receiving the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Matthew 13:20-22
20 The seed planted on rocky ground is the person who hears the word and accepts it at once with joy.
21 Since he doesn't have any root, he lasts only a little while. When suffering or persecution comes along because of the word, he immediately falls from faith.
When we stumble
Matthew 13:20-22
22   The seed planted among the thorns is another person who hears the word. But the worries of life and the deceitful pleasures of riches choke the word so that it can't produce anything.

Get up again
Romans 3:23
for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God;

Get up again
Psalms 37:23-24
23   The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and he delights in his way. 24   Though he falls, he shall not be utterly cast down, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

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17   "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18   I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you."
19   I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" 20   And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

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21   And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22   But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.'
**Restore**

Restore [Definition] – action of returning something to its original condition.

**Redeemed by Love**

*Romans 8:35-39*

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?
36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,
39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Origin and meaning:** Latin derived from Vivianus (vivus) and means ‘lively’ or ‘alive’; full of life. The best known short form is Vian. The Teutonic Valdis means ‘lively in battle’.

**Promise:** Messenger of life in abundance in Jesus.

**Accompanying Verse:**

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

*(John 10:10)*