

**Restoration, Revival & Victory**  
**1 Samuel 7:2-15**  
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Thesis: I want to show how repentance and restoration is key for victory in life.

Intro: 1.  
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I. Restoration & Revival(1 Sam 7:2-6)

A. Restoration (v.2-4)

1. Restoration would come when they would forsake the false gods (v.2-3)
2. Israel responded by leaving behind false gods
3. The also returned to serving the Lord (v.4)

B. Revival

1. Prayers were offered on their behalf by Samuel (v.5)
2. They brought fruits worthy of repentance and admitted sinning against the Lord (v.6)

II. Victory (1 Sam 7:7-15)

A. The Enemies sought opportunity for victory over God's people

1. The Philistines sensed a chance for victory (v.7)
2. Israel requests prayers on their behalf (v.8)
  - a. They knew in Whom their hope rested.
3. Samuel offers a sacrifice for Israel and the Lord hears the pray for Israel (v. 9).

B. God gives victory without a battle

1. God thundered in such a way as to bring mass confusion upon the Philistines. (v.10)
2. A total victory was given to Israel by God, they drove back their enemies (v.11)

C. Rejoicing and Reclaiming

1. Thanks to God for help (v.12)
2. Restoration of lands and peace (v.13-14)

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. Restoration is a necessity for victory.

1. Without Israel's restoration they would have been defeated by the Philistines.
2. Because of their repentance they came into fellowship with the one true God who could grant them victory (v.8)

B. Victory is only for the faithful

1. God gave them victory, restoration of their lands and peace (v.14)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Spiritual victory and restoration only comes when we serve God fully (v.3b)
2. We must do what is necessary to have the right relationship with God.
3. Israel did and enjoyed the benefits of being blessed by God, we can today as well.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9