

“Tattered Blankets”

CHAPTER 8

REWEAVING THE BLANKET

The Image: From Threads to Wholeness

By now we’ve seen the many ways religion and life can unravel us. Conditions, fear, performance, grief, anxiety, trials, enemies, all of them are threads we sometimes clutch desperately, mistaking them for the whole.

But God has never given us just a thread, He has given us a whole covering, woven in love from beginning to end. What we hold in tatters, He reweaves in grace. Love covers. 1 Peter 4:8 reminds us, *“Love covers a multitude of sins,”* it doesn’t ignore, or excuse. Love restores; love unifies.

The Story: A Hospice Covering

I remember a patient near the end of his life who often grew cold at night. One evening a nurse tucked a fresh blanket around him, soft, whole, warm. He sighed and whispered, *“That feels better.”*

That image has never left me. He didn’t need another thread to twist between his fingers; He needed a whole blanket to rest under.

So do we.

The Scripture: The Weaver at Work

2 Peter 1:3–4 says: *“His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature.”*

Do you hear the fullness? Everything we need; Very great and precious promises; not one thin thread, but the whole woven covering.

Remember, Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5:18: *“All this is from God.”* Not some. Not half. All.

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The Pastoral Word: The Blanket of Presence

When I think of the gospel, I no longer imagine a set of conditions, threats, or performances. I imagine a blanket, wide enough to cover us all, warm enough to heal our shivering souls, strong enough to hold together when life tears at the seams.

This is the ministry of reconciliation: God not counting our sins against us, but wrapping us in His presence, then sending us to wrap others with the same.

The blanket is not for us alone, it overflows, spilling outward in mercy, kindness, and forgiveness, until enemies become companions and strangers become family.

The Invitation: Rest and Reweave

Take a real blanket today. Lay it across your shoulders or spread it over your lap. As you do, pray slowly:

“All this is from You. Cover me. Heal me. Reweave me.”

And then, when you rise, ask: Who in my life needs a corner of this blanket today? Offer them kindness, forgiveness, or comfort. In doing so, you join the Weaver’s work.

Closing Blessing

Surely goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your life, and you will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Journal Prompts

- Which thread (fear, conditions, performance, grief, anxiety, trials, enemies) do I find myself most often clinging to?
- How has God been reweaving wholeness in my story, even when I did not notice?
- Who in my life might need me to extend a “corner of the blanket” this week?

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