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Ps. 80:19, “Restore us, O LORD God Almighty; make Your face shine upon us that we may be saved.”

The Hebrew word for *restore* is **hashivenu** which means *to bring us back or redeem us*. I think sometimes about the people I’ve known who could take something that was broken down, hopeless or rusted through, and turn it into something that looked like it was brand new. There are many shows that show people taking a ruined, run down house and transforming it into a showplace.

In this passage, the people of God were calling out to the Maker of all things, to do the same for His people. They were once blessed above all people, but were now beaten down and struggling to make it. Sometimes, God allows us to get to a point where the only way we can look is up. Maybe you are feeling like that today; the bills are piling up, the family is feuding, the job is shaky and hope is fading. It is in those times that our loving Father is calling out to you to look to Him. Just as He spoke to the prophet Joel - **Joel 2:25, “So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten.”** Or as David cried out to God in **Ps. 51:12, “Restore unto me the joy of my salvation and renew a right spirit in me.”**

Maybe you feel like you need an overhaul in your life. Call upon the Creator of all there is, to come and take over what seems to have wasted away. He will surely restore you.

Dear LORD, thank You that we can call upon You and know that You hear us. Please restore in us the joy we once had when we met You and fell in love with You. You are our redeemer and our restorer. We praise You. In Jesus Name, Amen