

ROAD TO RESTORATION

“MOURNING TO REJOICING”

JOHN 20:11-18

**HOW CAN I EXPERIENCE REJOICING IN THE
MIDST OF THE WORST CIRCUMSTANCES?**

MARY'S DILEMMA – JOHN 20:11-15

- Mary saw Jesus die. John 19:25, 30
- The body of her Savior has “been taken”.
- She had a fear of the unknown.

MARY'S DILEMMA

*Restoration by God requires a spirit of
desperation from us.*

MARY'S DIRECTION – JOHN 20:13, 16, 18

- Mary's direction changed. v.16
- Mary's direction proclaimed.
 - direction of a servant (v.13)
 - direction of a disciple (v.16)
 - direction of an evangelist (v.18)

MARY'S DIRECTION

*Restoration by God shows a change
in mission and message.*

JESUS DEMONSTRATION – JOHN 20:14-17

- Jesus reached out to Mary. (v.14-16)
- Jesus gave significance to the seemingly insignificant. (v.16)
- Jesus affirms relationship. (v.17)

JESUS DEMONSTRATION

Jesus' relationship with believers is one of unfailing love and enduring faithfulness.

APPLICATIONS

1. Develop a desperation for Christ.
2. Christ reaches out to the most “insignificant” among us; we then should reach out to them as well.
3. Affirm Christ in others through acknowledgement, thankfulness, and commission.
4. An abundance of love cures a lack of faith.