



Theology of Recovery

- Recovery is Sanctification! Recovery is for everyone! 10.1 of the 2017-2021 Manual states:

"We believe that there is a marked distinction between a pure heart and a mature character. The former is obtained in an instant, the result of entire sanctification; the latter is the result of growth in grace. We believe that the grace of entire sanctification includes the divine impulse to grow in grace as a Christlike disciple. However, this impulse must be consciously nurtured, and careful attention given to the requisites and processes of spiritual development and improvement in Christlikeness of character and personality. Without such purposeful endeavor, one's witness may be impaired and the grace itself frustrated and ultimately lost. Participating in the means of grace, especially the fellowship, disciplines, and sacraments of the Church, believers grow in grace and in wholehearted love to God and neighbor."

- Growth in grace... Consciously nurtured... Spiritual development... Purposeful endeavor - these are the marked qualities of a sanctified believer aiming to live their life for the "fullness of the blessing" (Rom. 15:29). Initial sanctification is a one-time event in a believer's life made through justification by faith, and entire sanctification happens over time when we live by the power of the Spirit in all areas of life. As Nazarene's we also know where this leads...to holiness, right?! Recovery is a component of spiritual formation that enables us to be committed, disciplined, and active in our faith so that we are able not

only able to break the strongholds of idolatry - but live in freedom from them - being entirely sanctified!

- John Wesley urged believers to exemplify the following spiritual characteristics: 1) Affection for others, 2) Openness to others (vulnerable/honest/humble), 3) Encouraging the spiritual growth of others, and 4) Accountable to other believers. Recovery work brings about Christian maturity and holistic healing through God's Word, discipleship, and the fellowship of believers (or a potential witness to non-believers). Recovery is for everyone!
- Because recovery is for everyone, this ministry is both an **OUTREACH** (those in our community who are in need or unchurched) and **INREACH** (those already within our church in need of finding freedom from issues that are controlling their lives)