

Overhauling

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Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

"Do not call to mind the former things, Or ponder things of the past.

Isaiah 43:18 (NASB)

1. God wants to overhaul you.

³ As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;

⁴ and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"
Acts 9:3-4 (NASB)

"Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. We have nothing ourselves to plead with God, why he should have mercy upon us. It is for his praise, to the honour of his mercy, to spare. His bringing men into trouble was to do them good. It was to refine them, but not as silver; not so thoroughly as men refine silver. If God should take that course, they are all dross, and, as such, might justly be put away. He takes them as refined in part only. Many have been brought home to God as chosen vessels, and a good work of grace begun in them, in the furnace of affliction. It is comfort to God's people, that God will secure his own honour, therefore work deliverance for them. And if God delivers his people, he cannot be at a loss for instruments to be employed. God has formed a plan, in which, for his own sake, and the glory of his grace, he saves all that come to Him.
Isaiah 48:10 (NASB)

2. God uses many things to overhaul you.

Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

¹⁷ For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,
2 Corinthians 4:16-17 (NASB)

For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart.
Hebrews 4:12 (ASV)

Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17 (NASB)

3. God has your best interest in mind.

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;

¹⁶ for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."

Acts 9:15-16 (NASB)

'I will give them a heart to know Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart.
Jeremiah 24:7 (NASB)

- **Remember God knows what He is doing!**
He must increase, but I must decrease.

John 3:30 (NASB)