Life’s too short to pretend you’re not religious
Life’s Too Short to Pretend You Don’t need:

Vision
Story
Community
Renewal
Formation
Unity
Partnership
Reinvention vs. Renewal
Titus 3:3-8

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“Behold, I am making all things new.”

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Jesus
The Story of God

CREATION  how the world ought to be.
FALL  how the world is.
REDEMPTION  how the world can be.
RESTORATION  how the world will be.
“In Genesis, God gives what might be called the first job description...The first phrase, ‘be fruitful and multiply’, means to develop the social world: build families, churches, schools, cities, governments, laws. The second phrase, ‘subdue the earth’, means to harness the natural world: plant crops, build bridges, design computers and compose music. This passage is sometimes called the Cultural Mandate because it tells us that our original purpose was to create cultures, build civilizations—nothing less.”

— Nancy Pearcey
The Story of God

CREATION how the world ought to be.
FALL how the world is.
REDEMPTION how the world can be.
RESTORATION how the world will be.
“The cruelty culture we see today is about fighting shame with shame.”

— Brene Brown
The Story of God

CREATION  how the world *ought* to be.
FALL     how the world *is*.
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RESTORATION  how the world *will* be.
“In a thousand ways, God will gather what’s scattered, rebuild what’s broken, restore what has been emptied out by centuries of waste and fraud. In a thousand ways, God will put right what’s wrong with his glorious creation.”

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Cornelius Plantinga
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Renewal

Regeneration
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Restoration
Defined by newness:

New birth (John 3:3)
New heart (Ezek 36:26)
New creature (2 Cor 5:17)
  New life (Rom 6:4)
New desires (Gal 5:24)
New family (Mark 3:35)
New service (Rom 7:6)
New struggle (Gal 5:17)
  New name (Rev 2:17)
New hope (2 Pet 3:13)
Renewal

Regeneration

Restoration

Reconciliation
“Everyone loves the idea of reconciliation... until it involves truth telling, confessing, repenting, dismantling, forgiving and peacemaking.”

— Eugene Cho
Renewal

Regeneration

Restoration

Reconciliation

Reformation
“Christianity revitalized life in Greco-Roman cities by providing new norms and new kinds of social relationships able to cope with urgent urban problems. To cities filled with the homeless and impoverished, Christianity offered charity as well as hope. To cities filled with newcomers and strangers, Christianity offered an immediate basis for attachments."
To cities filled with orphans and widows, Christianity provided a new and expanded sense of family. To cities torn by violent ethnic strife, Christianity offered a new basis for social solidarity. And to cities faced with epidemics, fires, and earthquakes, Christianity offered effective nursing services.”

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Rodney Stark
“an acceleration of the normal work of the spirit”
He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Renewal

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Revival
Individuals

Leaders

Micro Communities

Churches

Movements

Cultures

Personal Renewal

Decline

Decay
Individuals
Leaders
Micro Communities
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Personal Renewal
Collective Renewal
Revival
“There’s something deep inside us that diminishes past facts and magnifies present uncertainties. Somehow God’s faithfulness in the past doesn’t carry weight for long, and pretty soon we start feeling as unloved and alone as ever. It’s just the way we are. It’s why we need constant renewal. There is always some plausible alternative to trusting in God, something to take our eyes off of God.” —Ray Ortlund

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Rodney Stark
Matthew 9:16-18

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Resistance to the newness.
Desire to control the newness.
Inability to hold the newness.
“Keep yourself in the way of the gift.”
Include & Transcend
From Discontentment to Desperation
Spirit break out, break our walls down
Spirit break out, heaven come down
King Jesus you’re the name we’re lifting high
Your glory shaking up the earth and skies
Revival we want to see your kingdom here
We want to see your kingdom here
From Discontentment to Desperation