



## ***Chapter One: Sand, Stone, And Clay***

Whether we are CEO's, blue-collar workers, stay-at-home moms, college graduates, or freshmen in high school, we all have old patterns in our lives that we would like restored to new. The challenge we face is answering the question, "How do we restore what's old in our lives to true authenticity?"

***Authenticity means reflecting the design of the designer.***

***Authenticity, the number one value in our postmodern culture, aligns our lives from the inside out.***

***Pretense, the opposite of authenticity, misaligns our lives from the outside in.***

A life of pretense keeps us unrestored; therefore, a life of authenticity is impossible without restoration.

***Restored means "to be made new again."***

*The old is surrendered.* Like a classic car that needs restoration, each one of us must surrender his old basket case of a life to the Restorer.

*The pieces are surrendered.* The Restorer begins to disassemble and renovate the components of our lives, piece by piece, whether they be unrestored or self-restored.

*The new is surrendered.* As the restoration process unfolds, we learn that we are designed to bring authentic restoration to others. We surrender the new for this purpose and continue to surrender any old parts that corrode again over time.

### ***Navigating Restoration Road***

Is there an area in your life where you are pretending from the outside-in?

What are the consequences of maintaining this perspective?

Are you prepared to surrender your old life to the Restorer?