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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH LUNCH — Sunday, July 24, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Destiny's Outreach Team will be feeding people in our community who are in need. Additional help would be greatly appreciated — especially in setting up chairs and tables after the service or serving during the event.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: OPERATION ARCTIC — July 31 to August 4, 5:00 to 8:00 pm at Destiny

Your kids may have been confronted with the message that the Bible isn't the true Word of God. With Operation Arctic VBS, your kids will warm up to the Word as they explore the coolest book on the planet. REGISTER ONLINE at mydestiny.family/vbs or grab a form on-site from Pastor Dyani.

We still need volunteer help! Connect with Pastor Dyani at dyani@destiny4square.org.

HONDURAS MISSIONS: GO TEAM — Apply Now to Join the Team

*Applications are ready! Pick them up from Pastor Shawn, or submit online — and get more information — at mydestiny.family/honduras. A \$100 deposit and applications are due in by **Sunday, August 21**.*

VOLUNTEER FOR FALL LIFE INC CLASSES — Tuesday evenings, 5:30 p.m. starting September 13

Life INC classes are offered free, to anyone who registers to attend. Hot meals are offered, and transportation help is also provided. It is a golden opportunity for us to welcome several new faces into our facilities. And to serve and show them the love of Jesus! There are three areas we are looking to fill:

#1) *There several different volunteer roles and duties for the duration of the program: greeters, resource booth attendants, children's ministry, nursery, pantry, and setup and tear down.*

#2) *We are also actively looking for teachers for the Fall session! Life INC offers a diverse selection of program curricula, and ensures there is a topic to match any prospective teacher's interests. Their easy-to-facilitate format means teacher's do not have to generate their own course materials from scratch. Most classes include a leader and participant guide which structures weekly sessions, and guides discussions toward application of relevant biblical truths. Contact us immediately if you are interested!*

#3) *We are also simply looking for people who will attend as students. If you are a Connect Group leader, maybe even consider having your group attend Life INC classes together. A major goal of Life INC is to form lasting friendships between the materially poor and the local church. We eagerly desire to see more participate simply by showing up to eat with fellow participants, engaging in the classroom, sharing life experiences, and forging friendships, which could then result in discipleship opportunities.*

MEN'S RETREAT — Friday and Saturday, October 14-15, Cedar Canyon Camp

Come and find a deeper relationship with God and the men of Destiny. Featuring, our guest, Pastor Brent Parker. Registration and more information is available at mydestiny.family/mens-retreat. Cost is \$80-per-attende.

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MESSAGE NOTES

7.24.22 | THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING, Part 2: Bear-Sized Transformation

A STEP INTO OUR IDENTITY

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ... **James 1:1a ESV**

How do you see yourself? Are you in a costume, just going through the motions? Or has something truly transformed your life?

For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead. **James 2:26 ESV**

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV**

HIS NAME IS JAMES...

We are going to take a look at the story of James, the _____ of Jesus.

And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there, and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" And they took offense at him... **Matthew 13:53-57a ESV**

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." **Mark 3:20-21 ESV**

After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." For not even his brothers believed in him. **John 7:1-5 ESV**

FROM SCOFFER TO SERVANT

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. **1 Corinthians 15:1-8 ESV**

The Gospel story is a transformational story of Jesus that is open to _____.

We see the scoffer became a _____ in the church, who eventually went on to become a martyr for his faith.

From Peter's encounter with Jesus after the resurrection, two things become overwhelmingly true:

1. The factual nature of Jesus' resurrection was undeniable.
2. The reason for Jesus' resurrection is now clear: it was for _____!

The goal of following Jesus is not to be _____. The goal is to have an encounter with Him that is so transformational that we go from being a scoffer to being a _____.

A relationship with Jesus is all about having your whole _____ changed.