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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

HANDS AND FEET, HAMMER AND NAILS PROJECT — every Monday from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

*We are inviting volunteers to come help renovate our office building every Monday from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. We hope to finish up on two consecutive Saturdays, **September 10 and 17**, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you have any questions, contact Dan Link at 209-0668 or linkdaniel42@gmail.com.*

APPLY TO LEAD A FALL CONNECT GROUP OR CLASS — deadline is today

Our Fall semester of groups is going to be starting September. Do you feel led to start a new group or teach a class? Take a look at the process to apply at mydestiny.family/apply-to-lead.

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

Hosting Life INC classes at Destiny is a golden opportunity for us to welcome many new faces into our facilities. Please consider joining us. Check out the classes and register at loveinonline.com/black-hills-life-inc-registration.

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.

NEW FALL CONNECT GROUPS AND CLASSES

RESOLVING CONFLICT IN YOUR MARRIAGE — Tuesdays evenings, as part of Life INC Classes, starting September 13

Conflict is real and often comes without warning. But it doesn't have to be a threat to your marriage. Because arguments come in all sizes, this 8-week study deals with handling conflicts both big and small. You'll discuss how to communicate effectively, pursue peace, and how to lay off the insults and lay on the blessing. A free date night is included! Facilitated by Pastor Shawn. Text "REGISTER" to (605) 988-8917 to register.

GO WITH THE FLOW — Wednesdays, 6:00 pm, starting September 14, childcare and NextGen ministry provided

This class is focused on following the lead of Holy Spirit, operating in the gifts of the Spirit, and building the Kingdom of God. Facilitated by Valerie Link.

ALPHA @ DESTINY — Wednesdays, 6:00 pm, starting September 14, childcare and NextGen ministry provided

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions to discuss life and the Christian faith in an informal, fun, and friendly environment. Facilitated by Sande Lofberg.

PRAYER THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE — Sundays, 8:45 am, Destiny Office Building, starting September 25

Jim Waldrop will lead discussion as the group reads through and learns about "Prayer That Makes a Difference," by Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer. The goal is to develop a disciplined and effective prayer life by examining Biblical model.

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MESSAGE NOTES

8.28.22 | JAMES, Part 1: Behold the Power of Words

WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

*How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water. **James 3:1-12 ESV***

If you can control your _____, you can control your _____.

1. The tongue is _____.

- The little _____ the big.
- The right words in the right moment can shape people's _____ and _____.
- Words are _____.

2. The tongue is _____.

THE TONGUE TEST

1. Don't complain.
2. Don't boast.
3. Don't gossip.
4. Don't run people down.
5. Don't defend or excuse yourself.
6. Always affirm.

THE POISONOUS TONGUE

*When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent. **Proverbs 10:19 ESV***

*Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men... They make their tongue sharp as a serpent's, and under their lips is the venom of asps. **Psalms 140:1a, 3 ESV***

*There are some who speak rashly, like the thrust of a sword; but the tongue of the wise brings healing. **Proverbs 12:8 ESV***

*"Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone." **Matthew 15:17-20 ESV***

*So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. **Matthew 7:17-18 ESV***

What's in your _____ is what is going to come out of your mouth.

*Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." **John 4:13-14 ESV***

*On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. **John 7:37-39 ESV***

James leads us to change the _____, not just the sentence.