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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

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

*The church has purchased materials to replace the trim around the office building windows, place window screens, install basement window covers, and replace damaged siding and broken blinds. We are inviting volunteers to come **every Monday from 5:30 to 7:30 pm**. Painters and helpers for other tasks are also needed. 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.*

MEN'S ADVENTURE PRAYER WALK — Saturday, August 20, 9:00 am

This is an excellent opportunity to engage with God and our community in praying for our city as we walk the streets. Men will meet at the Destiny offices and will use strategic resources to guide us in praying.

HONDURAS MISSIONS: GO TEAM — Apply by Sunday, August 21

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

HARP AND BOWL (WORSHIP AND PRAYER) — Tuesday, August 23, 6:30 pm

We're on the 4th Tuesday this month because of scheduling conflicts. Please join us!

APPLY TO LEAD A FALL CONNECT GROUP OR CLASS — by Sunday, August 28

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. We value having a wide variety of options available and we don't want your idea to be a missed opportunity. Apply today!

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

*Life INC classes are offered free to anyone who registers. Hot meals are offered. And transportation help is also provided. It is a golden opportunity to welcome several new faces into our facilities. **3 areas we are looking to fill:** #1) There are several volunteer roles and duties available for the program: greeters, resource booth attendants, children's ministry, nursery, pantry, and set up / tear down. #2) We are also looking for people who will attend.*

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. Registration deadline is October 14.

MESSAGE NOTES

8.14.22 | THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING, Part 5: Faith and Favoritism

OUR IDENTITY CHANGES OUR ACTIVITY

Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. Matthew 12:33 ESV

James calls for integrity, which comes from the word *integer*, which means "_____". That we are the same on the inside and out.

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. James 1:26-27 ESV

HOLDING PARTIALITY AND FAITH IN THE SAME HAND

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. JAMES 2:1-13 ESV

The NIV translates partiality as _____.

- In Greek, it's a combination of two words meaning, "not _____ one's _____".

We cannot _____ on to favoritism as we hold on to faith in Jesus.

- If you do, you are drawing a _____ through the community.

THREE REASONS FAVORITISM IS EVIL

1. Favoritism flows in the _____ direction of God. (James 2:5, Deuteronomy 10:17-19)

- Grace _____ becomes grace _____.

2. Favoritism shows a _____ of faith. (James 2:6-7)

3. Favoritism and a lack of love insults the _____. (James 2:8-13)

- Jesus _____ through all of our walls and loved us, so we _____ through all of theirs.

THREE SIMPLE RESPONSES

1. P _____ for the people who are not like you.

2. P _____ by moving forward in conversation.

3. P _____ where there are places of need.