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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

1ST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP — Wednesday, July 5, 6:30 pm

Join us every month for a night of unadulterated worship in the foyer of Destiny's office building. All Wednesday evening classes and groups are paused (except children and youth) so that we can gather together and worship. Grab a friend, and we will see you there!

HARP + BOWL (WORSHIP AND PRAYER) — Tuesday, July 11, 6:30-to-7:30 pm

Join us in the Office Building every other Tuesday night as we mix prophetic praise and worship with the prayers of the saints.

TIME LAB VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — July 23 to July 26, 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Wouldn't it be amazing to travel back in time and witness epic historical events? Imagine the thrill of meeting great heroes of the faith like Abraham, Moses, or Gideon. Or the fun of experiencing life in ancient cultures like Rome. Or the fascination of watching famous inventors make discoveries that change the world.

We'll do just that as we embark on Time Lab. Time sure will fly while we're having fun. So head this way and get ready to launch into hyperdrive as we take off for Time Lab! Let's go! Sign your kids up now for a fun week of games, activities, food, and discovery! Meals will be served at 5:00 p.m. nightly.

ALL WORSHIP SUNDAY + POTLUCK LUNCH — Sunday, July. 30, 10:00 am

There are five Sundays in April, which means it is time for another all-worship Sunday! Join us for a nothing-but-worship service with a potluck lunch following. And please bring a dish to share. What a day: passionate worship along with good food and fellowship!

MESSAGE NOTES

7.2.23 | DREAMING AGAIN: Restoring What Has Been Broken

The word of the Lord that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel: Hear this, you elders; give ear, all inhabitants of the land! Has such a thing happened in your days or in the days of your fathers? Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children and their children to another generation. What the cutting locust left, the swarming locust has eaten. What the swarming locust left, the hopping locust has eaten, and what the hopping locust left, the destroying locust has eaten. Joel 1:1-4 ESV

RESTORATION FROM THE WIPEOUT

- _____ to God.

"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber. Between the vestibule and the altar, let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" Joel 2:12-17 ESV

"Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before. "The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you. "You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Joel 2:23-27 ESV

STEPS FOR RESTORATION

1. _____ what has been lost. *Do not gloss over it.*
2. _____ the marks that are left behind. *Things like uncertainty, trauma, loss, selfishness, polarization, greed, anger, distrust, numbness, lack of motivation, grief, fear, etc.*
3. **Reconnect with the Prince of _____.** *You are not a sheep without a shepherd.*
4. **Decide that you're going to _____.** *You have to make a decision and a declaration.*
5. **Build _____ to quench _____.**
6. **Ask for _____.**
7. **Be _____.** *"Gratitude is a currency that we can mint for ourselves and spend without fear of bankruptcy." — Van Amburgh*
8. **Exercise _____.**
9. _____ for good outcomes. *Did you learn anything? Contend for it.*
10. _____ on the Lord.

RESTORATION STATEMENT: I will take no shame in lamenting loss. I will examine my life. I will remain in close communion with my Shepherd. I will not live defeated but will move forward with the plans God has for me. I am a child of faith. I am not a child of fear. I will lean on others. I am grateful for all I have. I will freely give. I will contend for good outcomes from all I have learned. And I will wait on the Lord.

IT IS TIME TO DREAM AGAIN

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions." Joel 2:28 ESV