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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

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 this month, 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!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many options available to serve here at Destiny. We currently need people to help with media, building maintenance, painting, landscaping, library organization, nursery, and various computer tasks. If you are interested, contact Pastor Valerie: valerie@destiny4square.org.

MESSAGE NOTES

7.9.23 | JAMES, Part 2: Joy in the Process (Again)

FAITH THAT WORKS ITSELF 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

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4 ESV

We all want the result from verse 4, but the result begins with the _____.

GOD WORKS US TO MATURITY AND COMPLETION

God is going to work us out with a _____ and a _____.

Why should we count it all joy? *"...for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."*

- The process has a P_____.
- The Painter has a P_____.
- The promise and the payoff is P_____.

The word *steadfastness*, in the Greek, means "the ability to _____ under something."

HOW CAN WE ADJUST AS WE PROCESS PAIN?

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. James 1:22-25 ESV

4 PRACTICAL STEPS:

1. Get _____.
2. _____ God for the hardship that you are in.
3. Reshape our view of _____.
4. Let the trial cause me to _____ on Jesus.
