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SEEK PRAYER INITIATIVE

We invite you to join us in praying this week:

- For peace on earth and joy to men.
- That in the waiting we would find our selves glorifying God and coming to know Him more fully.
- For three people in your circle who need to experience and know the love of Jesus.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO LEAD A CONNECT GROUP? — Apply by January 5

Is God calling you to lead a Winter/Spring Connect Group to help us go deeper together? It could be a prayer group, a hiking group, a Bible study, or even a gathering just to share and carry each other's burdens. Just as long as it comes back to Jesus being at the center. If you've never led a group before, we'll give you some guidelines to follow. It is very simple.

Ask God about it now. And if you feel prompted, apply to lead a group at www.mydestiny.family/apply-to-lead.

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

As we think about our end-of-year financial donations, would you consider sowing an extra financial gift to Destiny? These gifts enable us to finish the year strong.

NO MIDWEEK SERVICES + ACTIVITIES — Dec 23 to Jan 3

Our facilities will be closed for the holidays.

ALL-WORSHIP SUNDAY + POTLUCK — Sunday, Dec. 29

There are five Sundays this month, so it is time for another all-worship Sunday! Join us for a nothing-but-worship service with a potluck lunch following. Please plan to bring a dish to share.

When planning your dish, consider bringing light lunch items. The possibilities are endless—from chips and dip, fried chicken, bread rolls, pre-made sandwiches, fruit salad, charcuterie cheeses and meats, to veggie trays. Let's inspire each other with our culinary creations!

PROPHECY LAB — Fri, Jan 3 — 6 to 8:30 pm, Sat, Jan 4 — 9 am to 4 pm

Join us as we gather to fellowship together while refining our prophetic gifts. This workshop will consist of lots of prophetic exercises. To register, or for more information, see Pastor Valerie or call 605-431-5164.

21 DAYS OF PRAYER + FASTING — January 6 to 26

Join in 21 Days of Prayer + Fasting with Destiny and other Foursquare churches worldwide. Spirit-filled prayer powers the church and its mission, unlocking the power of Holy Spirit and empowering us to embody Jesus' presence. That's why we're starting the year with intentionality. Visit FoursquarePrayer.org to sign up for emails or download your PDF book to follow along with us.

1st WEDNESDAY WORSHIP — Wednesday, Jan. 8, 6:30 pm

Join us for a night of unadulterated worship in Destiny's office building. All evening classes for adults are paused so we can gather and worship.

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MESSAGE NOTES

12.22.24 | WAITING HERE FOR YOU, Part 3: The Wait Is Worth the Weight

THE PROMISE IN THE WAITING

It is possible that we'll _____ God for the _____ because of the weight they produce in us.

For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

*But we have this treasure in earthen containers, so that the extraordinary greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying around in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who live are constantly being handed over to death because of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you. **2 Corinthians 4:6-12 NASB***

God is giving us *Light* so we don't have to live in _____ in this waiting.

We continually _____ to our own strengths, and we continually _____ in the power of Holy Spirit.

*Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer person is decaying, yet our inner person is being renewed day by day. For our momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. **2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NASB***

We _____ our _____ not on what is seen, but what is unseen.

THE PAYOFF OF TRUSTING GOD IN THE WAITING

1. We will get a _____ character, and that will _____ faithfulness in our lives.

*Consider it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. **James 1:2-4 NASB***

*Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. **James 1:12 NASB***

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which perishes though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. **1 Peter 1:3-9 NASB***

2. True _____ in the supreme _____ of God.

Three freedoms you can walk in:

- a. The trial is not for you to prove you are _____; it is for God to prove that He is.
- b. It is okay to be _____ while you are waiting.
- c. It is not a failure to say that you are _____.

3. At the end of it, we have a _____, _____ ministry to a broken world.

4. We get _____ to lay at the feet of Jesus.