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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

### **MY GOLDEN VALENTINE: FEBRUARY OUTREACH — Due Thursday, February 5**

*My Golden Valentine is a simple, meaningful outreach inviting our church family to share the love of Jesus with seniors living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. By creating or donating Valentine's cards with kind, encouraging messages (or a short Bible verse), we can remind elderly residents—many of whom have limited visitors—that they are seen, valued, and loved. All cards should be turned in to Destiny by Thursday, February 5, so they can be delivered together to 107.1 KSLT for distribution.*

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST — Saturday, February 7, 9:00 am**

*Join us for a morning of food, fellowship, some worship, and prayer. This event is free. Donations are welcome.*

### **28TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION — Sunday, March 8**

*Destiny is turning 28! Join us as we celebrate 28 years of life-change, ministry, and God's faithfulness—Destiny style, with birthday fun, donuts, balloons, and plenty of celebration. We're excited to welcome Quincy Goodstar as our special guest speaker!* 

### **EVANGELISTIC CONVERSATIONS — Sunday, March 8, 1:00-5:00 pm**

*We all come into contact with people who do not yet know the Lord. Some are easy to talk to; others are not. Join us as we discuss building relationships and sharing our faith with some people many believers find intimidating including the person who is angry with God and the church, someone of another faith and the individual who identifies as homosexual or trans. Get better prepared for the moment when God opens the door for YOU to help change someone's life for the better by introducing them to the God who can save and set them free. This workshop will include a short teaching time, roleplaying scenarios and group discussion and will be led by Pastor Valerie.*

### **NO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Sunday, Feb. 8 or 15**

### **MEN'S LUNCH — Saturday, March 14, 11:00 am, at Southside Pizza Ranch**

*Join us for a great time of food and fellowship. Cost is per person, but if you want to come and can't cover it, we will help.*

## MESSAGE NOTES

### 02.01.26 | GIFTED, Part 5: Nothing Is Wasted

#### WHAT WE WALK THROUGH SHAPES WHAT WE CARRY

1. God uses experiences to shape us, not \_\_\_\_\_ us.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 1 Corinthians 1:3-4 NASB*

#### ENDURANCE FORMS US FOR OTHERS

*...and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair...*

**Isaiah 61:3a NIV**

2. God often uses experiences we have survived to \_\_\_\_\_ others.

*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*

- Your experience does not disqualify you; often, it \_\_\_\_\_ you.

#### AVAILABILITY OPENS THE DOOR TO CALLING

3. God invites us to offer our \_\_\_\_\_ story, not just our strengths.

*Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice... Romans 12:1a NASB*

*My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness. 2 Corinthians 12:9a NASB*

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8 NASB*

#### A NEXT STEP IN AVAILABILITY

If you sense God stirring something in you as you reflect on your **S.H.A.P.E.**, one next step may be simply exploring where you could serve at Destiny.

We currently have urgent needs in our NextGen ministries, where presence and consistency make a lasting impact:

#### NURSERY + CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*Sunday morning teams that help create safe, loving environments for our youngest ones.*

#### YOUTH MINISTRY (Male Leader Needed)

*A consistent male presence who can build relationships and simply "be there" for our students.*

You can explore these and other serving opportunities at:

**mydestiny.family/serve**

Take time to pray. Listen. And respond as God leads.

# GIFTED

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## WEEK 5: SHAPE WORKSHEET

### Nothing Wasted: How God Uses Our Experiences

*And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:4 NASB*

This worksheet is a listening and reflection tool, not a test. Your experiences — joyful and painful — matter to God. He is not finished with your story.

## PART 1: NAMING YOUR EXPERIENCES

### WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN

#### 1. What experiences have most shaped who you are today?

*(Seasons, relationships, losses, wins, transitions)*

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#### 2. Which experiences were difficult, but formative?

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## PART 2: ENDURANCE + FORMATION

### WHAT GOD HAS BEEN BUILDING IN YOU (James 1:2-4)

#### 3. Where have you seen growth, strength, or maturity develop over time?

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#### 4. What has God taught you about Himself through these experiences?

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## **PART 3: REDEMPTION + COMPASSION**

**HOW YOUR STORY MAY SERVE OTHERS (2 Corinthians 1:3–4)**

**5. Who might God allow you to walk alongside because of what you've experienced?**

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**6. Where has your compassion grown?**

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## **PART 4: OFFERING YOUR STORY**

**AVAILABILITY, NOT PERFECTION (Romans 12:1)**

**7. Is there a part of your story you've been hesitant to offer to God?**

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**8. What would it look like to trust God with that part of your story?**

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## **PRAYER**

*God, thank You that my story matters to You.  
Teach me to trust You with what I've walked through,  
and show me how You might use it to bring hope to others.*

*Amen.*