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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

FIRST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP — Wednesday, March 4, 6:00 pm

Worship Nights are back! After a break since last fall, our First Wednesday Worship Nights are returning — and we couldn't be more expectant. Join us for an extended, unhurried night of worship, soaking prayer, and space to encounter Jesus. No sermon. No rush. Just room to seek His presence together. We're not easing back in — we're coming hungry. Make plans to be there and don't miss the first one.

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! 🎉

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

We all have people in our lives who don't yet share our faith. Some conversations about Jesus come naturally... others don't. We're hosting a workshop to help us grow in having respectful, grace-filled, Spirit-led conversations with people from all kinds of backgrounds and beliefs. Our goal isn't to win arguments — it's to represent Jesus well when God opens a door. Pastor Valerie will lead a short teaching time, along with some practical discussion and role play. We'd love for you to join us.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE — Wednesday evenings starting March 11

Starting Wednesday, March 11, from 6:00–8:00 PM, Destiny will host The Marriage Course—a 7-week, date-night-style experience designed to help couples strengthen their connection and grow deeper together. Each evening includes a welcoming atmosphere, engaging video teaching, and guided private conversations between you and your spouse (no group sharing required). Whether your marriage is thriving or facing challenges—whether you're newly married, engaged, or have been together for decades—this course offers practical tools for communication, resolving conflict, forgiveness, intimacy, and love in action. Invest intentionally in the relationship that matters most.

ALL WORSHIP SUNDAY + POTLUCK — Sunday, March 29

This month has five Sundays, which means it's time for All-Worship Sunday! Join us for a nothing-but-worship service with extended, passionate worship, followed by a potluck lunch together. Please plan to bring a light dish to share—chips and dip, sandwiches, fruit, charcuterie, veggie trays, or any favorite you'd like. It's a beautiful day of worship, food, and fellowship, and we absolutely cannot wait to gather together.

We love capturing moments of worship and community. Photos and videos may be taken today for Destiny Foursquare's online and promotional use. If you'd rather not appear, let our Welcome Team know.

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MESSAGE NOTES

02.22.26 | THE REAL THING, Part 2: Lights On (No More Hiding)

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous, so that He will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

*My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. **1 John 1:5 to 2:2 NASB***

"Light" in Scripture usually carries two layers:

- Light is _____, the intellectual layer.
- Light is _____, the moral layer.

1. God is _____, and in Him there is no _____ at all. (vs. 5)
2. You can't claim _____ with God while walking in _____. (vs. 6)

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

3. Walking in the light is not _____; it is _____. (vs. 7-8)

CONFESSION LEADS TO CLEANSING

The word *confess* means "to _____." (vs. 9)

4. Confession leads to _____, and communion leads to _____. (vs. 9)
5. Denial keeps you in the _____; confession brings you into the _____. (vs. 10)

WHEN YOU STEP INTO THE LIGHT

6. When you step into the light, you're not alone; you have an _____. (vs. 2:1)
7. Jesus is our Advocate and our atoning _____. (vs. 2:2)

PRACTICAL STEPS TO TAKE HOME

1. One honest _____: "Jesus, I'm done hiding. Search me and lead me."
2. One honest _____: tell one trusted, mature believer where the shadows are.
3. One concrete _____: delete the app, make the call, set the boundary—whatever "light" looks like in your situation.
