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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

30 SECOND TESTIMONIES

What if your story could help someone else hold on? Throughout April, we're creating space for simple, powerful moments of testimony from everyday people in our church family. Each week, you'll have the opportunity to respond to one question: "What has Jesus done in your life?" — just one sentence, no pressure and no stage. Some of these testimonies may be shared (anonymously) during a service or online to encourage others and remind us that God is still moving right here and right now. You never know — your 30-second testimony might be exactly what someone else needs to hear.

CULVER'S FUNDRAISERS FOR CAMP

Youth from Destiny's NextGen ministries will be earning money by serving food and cleaning tables at Culver's to help them go to church camp this summer. You can help by eating at Culver's during the time slots that they are serving. They get to keep any tips they receive as well as a percentage of the sales during that time.

- The **KIDS MINISTRY** will serve at the **Rushmore location** on **Monday, April 13, from 5:00-8:00 pm** to benefit our kids campers.
- The **YOUTH GROUP** will serve at the **Eglin location** on **Monday, April 20, from 5:00-8:00 pm** to benefit our teen campers.

WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT — Saturday, Apr. 17, 6:30 pm

Bring your favorite snack and join in the fun!

MEN'S GAME NIGHT — Saturday, Apr. 18, 6:00 pm

Bring your favorite family-friendly board or dice games and enjoy a night of gaming, fellowship and snacks. There is no cost for this event. Snacks will be provided.

SPECIAL GUEST: MISSIONARY TIFFANY MARES — Sunday, April 26

We're honored to welcome Missionary Tiffany Mares of Via Love International—a longtime friend of Pastor Shawn and a ministry Destiny has proudly supported since 2018. Tiffany serves in Honduras, where she partners with local churches to bring hope amid poverty and violence. Through educational scholarships, daily feeding programs, and hands-on skills training, Via Love is helping children and families dream again, break cycles of poverty, and experience the love and power of Jesus. Come ready to be encouraged, inspired, and challenged by what God is doing around the world.

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

04.05.26 | RUNAWAY, Part 1: The Son Who Runs

THE RUN

1. **We run because we're trying to _____ something.** *We run because we're tired. We run because we're disappointed. We run because we're hurting. We run because something didn't turn out the way we thought it would.*

And He said, "A man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that is coming to me.' And so he divided his wealth between them. And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey to a distant country, and there he squandered his estate in wild living. Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began doing without.

So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he longed to have his fill of the carob pods that the pigs were eating, and no one was giving him anything. But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired laborers have more than enough bread, but I am dying here from hunger! I will set out and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired laborers."' So he set out and came to his father. But when he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

*But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet; and bring the fattened calf, slaughter it, and let's eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate. **Luke 15:11-24 NASB***

THE REALIZATION

2. Sin always promises distance as if it were _____. But it doesn't heal us; it _____ us.
3. You end up leaving protection, _____, and relationship behind.
4. Sin will take you down, but shame will try to _____ you.
5. **Two kinds of sorrow: Worldly sorrow** says, "I hate what this _____ me."
Godly sorrow says, "I need to _____."

*For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death. **2 Corinthians 7:10 NASB***

THE RETURN

6. While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and _____.
7. The most powerful moment in the story is not the apology; It's the _____.
8. Jesus reveals that your identity is not anchored to your performance, but to your _____ (son or daughter).

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN RUNNING? _____

9. The reason the Father runs to you is because of His overwhelming, undying love for you. And He can do that, because _____ first came for you.