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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

Students from Destiny's NextGen ministries will be earning money by serving food and cleaning tables at Culver's to help them attend church camp this summer. You can help by eating at Culver's during the times 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, April 17, 6:30 pm

Bring your favorite snack and join in the fun!

MEN'S GAME NIGHT — Saturday, April 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

04.12.26 | RUNAWAY, Part 2: The Brother Who Stays, with Bob Morgret

1. **God's love is a gift, not something we can _____.** We can become exhausted in the striving to earn God's love.

"Now, the older son was out working in the field when his brother returned, and as he approached the house, he heard the music of celebration and dancing. "The servant replied, 'It's your younger brother. He's returned home, and your father is throwing a party to celebrate his homecoming.' "The older son became angry and refused to go in and celebrate. So his father came out and pleaded with him, 'Come and enjoy the feast with us!'"

"The son said, 'Father, listen! How many years have I worked like a slave for you, performing every duty you've asked as a faithful son? And I've never once disobeyed you. But you've never thrown a party for me because of my faithfulness. Never once have you even given me a goat that I could feast on and celebrate with my friends as this son of yours is doing now. Look at him! He comes back after wasting your wealth on prostitutes and reckless living, and here you are throwing a great feast to celebrate—for him!'"

*"The father said, 'My son, you are always with me by my side. Everything I have is yours to enjoy. It's only right to rejoice and celebrate like this, because your brother was once dead and gone, but now he is alive and back with us again. He was lost, but now he is found!'" **Luke 15:25-32 TPT***

- Last week, Pastor Shawn started off this series speaking about the younger son, the one who _____. Shawn said, *"We run because we are trying to relieve something. We run because we are tired, because we are disappointed, or because we are hurting. We run because something didn't turn out the way we thought it would."*

2. **The older brother doesn't run; he _____.** Could it be that we strive for some of the same reasons that drive some to run?
3. Striving often grows out of fear, not faithfulness. Throughout scripture, we are reminded that **not only do I not have to earn God's love (striving), but maybe even scarier: I _____ earn His love.**
4. _____ **does not cause God to love us any more than striving does.** His love is NOT dependent on us.
5. Resentment often shows up not because we've done something wrong, but because we've believed that love was conditional. That's transactional love. That's not what we are created for! **Grace feels _____ when we've built our identity on earning and transactions.**
6. Someone else receiving love and grace does not diminish what we are offered. **God's love and grace _____ based on the Laws of Diminishing Returns.** Somehow, He can give you love, all of it, and still give everyone else all of it!

IMAGINE...

- **Living free from comparison and striving.**
- **Being completely content in God's grace.**
- **Displaying faithfulness without being burdened.**