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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS INCORPORATED MEAL OUTREACH — Friday, May 8 @ 6:00 pm**

*Destiny will be providing a meal for students through International Students Incorporated as we close out the semester. This is a great opportunity to show hospitality and share the love of Jesus with students from around the world. If you'd like to help by bringing food or contributing toward the meal, please contact Pastor Sande or John Lofberg at 605-390-0446.*

### **NO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Sunday, May 3 or May 10**

### **1ST WORSHIP WEDNESDAY — Wednesday, May 6 @ 6:00 pm**

*First Wednesday Worship Night is a dedicated time each month to slow down and turn our attention fully to Jesus. Join us for an extended, unhurried evening of worship, prayer, and space to encounter God's presence together. No agenda. No rush. Just room to seek Him. Whether you're coming in full or feeling worn down, this is a place to be refreshed, refocused, and reminded that He meets us when we draw near. Make plans to join us—we'd love to see you there.*

### **WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT — Friday, May 15 @ 6:00 pm**

*Join the ladies for an evening of fun, games, and fellowship. We will be meeting in the office building.*

### **MEN'S PIZZA + MOVIE NIGHT — Saturday, May 16 @ 5:00 pm**

*The men will be gathering in the office building for pizza and to continue their Journey through The Chosen, season 3. There's no charge for the event, but donations to pay for pizza will be appreciated.*

### **KIDS SUMMER CAMP — June 14 to 17, Black Hills Retreat Center**

*Contact Pastor Dyani for more information and registration details: [dyani@destiny4square.org](mailto:dyani@destiny4square.org).*

### **FAN THE FLAME YOUTH CAMP — June 29 to July 3, Cedar Canyon Camp**

*For students entering 7th–12th grade. A \$50 deposit is required to secure a spot, and the registration **deadline** is **Sunday, May 31**. For details, including activities, packing lists, and more. REGISTER NOW: [www.mydestiny.family/teen-camp](http://www.mydestiny.family/teen-camp).*

# MESSAGE NOTES

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## A REAL ENCOUNTER LEAVES EVIDENCE

(15) Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. (17) The world is passing away and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God continues to live forever. **1 John 2:3-15-17 NASB**

The world is a \_\_\_\_\_ of values, desires, and thinking that is organized apart from God.

John targets our \_\_\_\_\_.

- Whatever you love most will \_\_\_\_\_ how you live.

1. The lust of the \_\_\_\_\_.

- The word lust means a strong desire — an \_\_\_\_\_ that has taken control.
- The temptation is to take something \_\_\_\_\_, and remove \_\_\_\_\_ from it.

2. The lust of the \_\_\_\_\_.

- This lust is about what we see externally and want to possess; it is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The boastful \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

## THE DRIFT OF THE HEART

John is saying, "Don't give your heart to something that is temporary when you were made for something \_\_\_\_\_."

The world makes promises:

- The lust of the flesh says, "This will \_\_\_\_\_ me."
- The lust of the eyes says, "This will \_\_\_\_\_ me."
- The pride of life says, "This will \_\_\_\_\_ me."

## THE INVITATION TO LET GO

Jesus is the answer:

- To the lust of the flesh — in Him we find a \_\_\_\_\_ satisfaction than anything else.
- To the lust of the eyes — in Him we see a beauty/glory that \_\_\_\_\_ everything else.
- To the pride of life — in Him we receive an identity that is \_\_\_\_\_.

The goal is not behavior modification; this is affection \_\_\_\_\_.

When you feel a pull toward something not from the Father, don't just try to resist it; \_\_\_\_\_ it.