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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

### DISCERNMENT RIDE — TODAY, 1:00 pm + 4:00 pm

*Do you operate in the spiritual gift of discernment? If you want to gain confidence in your gifting, join us this afternoon as we take groups throughout Rapid City to places that have strong spiritual atmospheres. At each location, participants will share what they sense. At the end of the trip, the group will discover the amazing ways in which what they sense connects to what is happening at each location. Each time we take one of these rides, participants gain confidence in discerning spiritual atmospheres and learn to better partner with the Holy Spirit through this powerful gift. See Pastor Valerie to join in.*

### ALL WORSHIP SUNDAY + POTLUCK — Sunday, May 31

*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.*

### NEWBIES' NIGHT (NextGen Graduation Week) — Wednesday, June 10 @ 6:00 pm

*Join us as we celebrate students moving into Destiny KIDS Ministry and Elevate Student Ministries for a fun night of connection, games, food, and giveaways. Destiny KIDS serves ages 6–12 through Sunday KIDS Church (during service) and Wednesday KIDS Club (6:00–8:00 pm), while Elevate Student Ministries is for grades 6–12 and meets Wednesday nights from 6:00–8:00 pm. Come celebrate the next generation with us!*

### 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).

### NEXTGEN MINISTRIES MINI-SABBATICAL — June 17, 24, and July 1

*Destiny's Wednesday night NextGen ministries (Kids Club + Elevate Student Ministries) will be taking a short 3-week mini-sabbatical due to summer camp schedules. We're excited for all God is going to do through camp season, and we look forward to gathering together again on Wednesday, July 8.*

### 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: [mydestiny.family/teen-camp](https://mydestiny.family/teen-camp).*

### GOING DEEPER: SUNDAY MESSAGE RESOURCES — [mydestiny.family/deeper](https://mydestiny.family/deeper)

# MESSAGE NOTES

## 05.17.26 | THE REAL THING Part 7: Destroying Darkness

(4) Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. (5) You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. (6) No one who remains in Him sins continually; no one who sins continually has seen Him or knows Him. (7) Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; (8) the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. (9) No one who has been born of God practices sin, because His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin continually, because he has been born of God. (10) By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother and sister. **1 John 3:4-10 NASB**

### JESUS DID NOT COME TO MANAGE DARKNESS

1. The Bible speaks about spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ in a way that is surprisingly grounded and practical.
2. The Son of God appeared to \_\_\_\_\_ the works of the devil. (vs. 8)
3. Salvation is not merely behavior modification; It is liberation and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Darkness does not get the \_\_\_\_\_ over your life.
5. There is a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ happening all around us.
6. At the center of temptation is the lie: life apart from God will make you more \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 4-10)

*And I will make enemies of you and the woman, and of your offspring and her Descendant; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise Him on the heel. **Genesis 3:15 NASB***

### REAL TRANSFORMATION CREATES A NEW DIRECTION

7. Scripture presents sin as \_\_\_\_\_.

*Everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. **John 8:34 NASB***

*When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are undisturbed. But when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied, and distributes his plunder. **Luke 11:21-22 NASB***

*When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him. **Colossians 2:15 NASB***

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation at all for those who are in Christ Jesus. **Romans 8:1 NASB***

8. Light \_\_\_\_\_ what darkness concealed.
9. John is talking about a settled \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of your heart. (vs. 9)
10. After Jesus changes your life, you are strengthened for the \_\_\_\_\_ current.

### EVIDENCE THAT JESUS IS CHANGING US

11. One of the signs you are growing spiritually is that your \_\_\_\_\_ starts changing.
12. The life of God lived out in a person looks like \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 10)

- Jesus did not just talk about love, He \_\_\_\_\_ it. (vs. 16)

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us... **Romans 5:8 NASB***

13. Jesus did not come to manage your darkness. He came to destroy its \_\_\_\_\_ over your life.  
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ what He \_\_\_\_\_. (Philippians 1:6 NASB)