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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

### JOIN US AT HILLS ALIVE + WATER BAPTISM — after service at Memorial Park

*We will conclude our service a little earlier than usual so we can head over together to LifeLight Hills Alive for the Sunday afternoon worship service. This incredible free community event features nationally known Christian artists, inspiring messages, family-friendly activities, great food, and opportunities to connect with believers from across our region. It's a wonderful reminder that the Church is bigger than any one congregation as we gather with thousands of others to worship Jesus and celebrate what He's doing throughout the Black Hills. Pack a lawn chair, invite a friend, and plan to spend the afternoon enjoying this special time of worship, fellowship, and community.*

*Ready to take the next step in your faith? Water baptisms will also be taking place that day at the Prayer Tent during the community worship service. If you've placed your faith in Jesus and haven't yet been baptized, we'd love to celebrate that decision with you! Pastor Shawn and Pastor Lyle will be there helping with baptisms. We'd be honored to celebrate this important step with you.*

### ELEVATE STUDENT MINISTRY CHAIR RAFFLE — winner announced, August 16

*Help support our youth, and you could take home our bright orange Summer @ Destiny Adirondack chairs! Raffle tickets are \$20 each (non-tax deductible) and are available from Pastor Kimberly on Sunday mornings. Winners will be announced at Worship @ the Park on August 16. If you'd prefer to support our students without entering the raffle, you can make a tax-deductible donation to the Youth Ministry department. The goal is to raise \$660 to cover this year's student ministry curriculum costs. Thank you for investing in the next generation!*

### COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE HOSTED @ DESTINY — Friday, July 31, 3:00 to 6:15 pm

*Destiny is partnering with Vitalant to host a Community Blood Drive via the donation bus parked in our church parking lot. Vitalant is currently experiencing its lowest blood supply in two years, making donations more important than ever. Please consider giving the gift of life by scheduling an appointment using the QR code or event link on our website and social media. Together, we can make a life-saving difference in our community.*



### WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT — July 31, 6:00 pm

### SUNDAES + SUNSETS — August 2, 6:00 pm

*Join us for one of the sweetest evenings of the summer! Bring the whole family for a relaxed night of ice cream, s'mores around the fire, yard games, and great conversation as we enjoy a beautiful Black Hills sunset together. Whether you've been part of Destiny for years or you're looking to meet new people, this is the perfect opportunity to slow down, connect, and simply enjoy being together. Invite a friend, bring a lawn chair if you'd like, and come make some sweet summer memories with us!*

### WORSHIP IN THE PARK — August 16, details to be announced

*Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 16, as we plan to gather for another special morning of outdoor worship and fellowship! We'll worship together, enjoy a meal, and celebrate God's goodness in the beauty of His creation. The time and location are still being finalized, so watch for more details in the coming weeks. We can't wait to worship with you!*

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

## 07.19.26 | THE REAL THING Part 12: Know

*(1) Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves the child born of Him. (2) By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and follow His commandments. (3) For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. (4) For whoever has been born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith.*

*(5) Who is the one who overcomes the world, but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (6) This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. (7) For there are three that testify: (8) the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. (9) If we receive the testimony of people, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son. (10) The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. (11) And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. (12) The one who has the Son has the life; the one who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.*

*(13) These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. (14) This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. (15) And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.*

*(16) If anyone sees his brother or sister committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will, for him, give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death; I am not saying that he should ask about that. (17) All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.*

*(18) We know that no one who has been born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him. (19) We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. (20) And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.*

*(21) Little children, guard yourselves from idols. 1 John 5 NASB*

## HOW WE KNOW THE REAL THING

1. THE FIRST THEME OF 1 JOHN: \_\_\_\_\_ of real faith. (vs. 1-5)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ for God's family.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

- Obedience is not separate from love; obedience is love taking \_\_\_\_\_.

## THE ONE WHO MAKES IT REAL

2. THE SECOND THEME OF 1 JOHN: \_\_\_\_\_ of real faith. (vs. 6-12)

## WHAT REAL FAITH GIVES US

3. THE THIRD THEME OF 1 JOHN: \_\_\_\_\_ of real faith. (vs. 13-21)

- a. We know.
- b. We \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. We come \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Don't let anything steal your \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 21)