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SOUND TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for volunteers to join our Sound Team! No experience is necessary—we'll provide all the training you need. If you're interested in serving in this important ministry, please see Matt Davis or any staff member.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO LEAD A CONNECT GROUP? — Apply by August 23

Is God calling you to lead a Fall Connect Group to help us go deeper together? It could be a prayer group, a hiking group, a Bible study, or even a gathering just to share and carry each other's burdens. Just as long as it comes back to Jesus being at the center. If you've never led a group before, we'll give you some guidelines to follow. It is very simple. Ask God about it now. And if you feel prompted, apply to lead a group at www.mydestiny.family/apply-to-lead.

GROWTH TRACK — TODAY, 1:00-4:30 pm

If you are interested in becoming a member of Destiny Foursquare (or just learning more about us), join Pastor Valerie in the office building this afternoon for our Growth Track class where we will talk about knowing God, getting connected with others in the body, and discovering your purpose.

SUNDAES + SUNSETS — Postponed Indefinitely

LAUNDRY BASKET OUTREACH — All items due by August 19

ISI is expecting 30 new international students this fall. Many will be arriving in the U.S. for the very first time with only a few personal belongings. We're inviting our church family to help welcome them by filling laundry baskets with everyday essentials to help them get started. If you'd like to participate, simply choose an item card from the board at the Welcome Center.

For more information, contact John or Pastor Sande Lofberg at 605-390-0446. We hope to have all baskets completed by August 19.

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!

WORSHIP IN THE PARK — August 16, Cedar Canyon Park, Chimney Shelter (west side of park/gazebo), @ 10:30 am

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. 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

08.02.26 | STEADY, Part 1: Breathe Again

THE WEIGHT

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. (2) He had me pass among them all around, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley; and behold, they were very dry. (3) Then He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "Lord God, You Yourself know." (4) Again He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones and say to them, 'You dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.' (5) This is what the Lord God says to these bones: 'Behold, I am going to make breath enter you so that you may come to life. (6) And I will attach tendons to you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin, and put breath in you so that you may come to life; and you will know that I am the Lord.'" **Ezekiel 37:1-6 NASB**

1. A breath from God is _____ than the weight pressing against you.

RUACH is a Hebrew word that appears all through Ezekiel 37:

- The _____ that fills your lungs.
- The WIND that you cannot see, but can feel.
- The Spirit of God, who gives _____.

The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living person. **Genesis 2:7 NASB**

...since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things... **Acts 17:25b NASB**

- God _____ in breathing life where life appears impossible.

2. Patterns that often add weight to the burden we already carry:

- We lose sight of the _____ of God.
- We allow our feelings to become the _____ of our lives.
- We lose ourselves in _____.

3. One of the enemy's tricks is to convince us that we are somehow _____ God's reach.

Why are you in despair, my soul? And why are you restless within me? Wait for God, for I will again praise Him... **Psalms 42:5a NASB**

THE WORD

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a loud noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. (8) And I looked, and behold, tendons were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them. **Ezekiel 37:7-8 NASB**

4. Before God brings full restoration, He often gives us signs that He is already at work. Don't despise the _____.

5. Appearance and reality are not always the same thing; it is possible to look _____ while quietly suffocating within.

...it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me... **Galatians 2:20b NASB**

THE WIND

Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'The Lord God says this: "Come from the four winds, breath, and breathe on these slain, so that they come to life.'" (10) *So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath entered them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.* **Ezekiel 37:9-10 NASB**

6. Creator-God is _____ again.

*...He breathed on them and *said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.* **John 20:22b NASB**

...even when we were dead in our wrongdoings, made us alive together with Christ... **Ephesians 2:5a NASB**

...we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed... **2 Corinthians 4:8-9 NASB**