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Living the Extra-ordinary Life! 40 Days of Change! Help with Changing!

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Living the Extra-ordinary Life!

- **40 days of change! Focus on His:**
 - **Promises**
 - **Instructions**
 - **Ability**

Today we are going to begin our message from the book of Joel. Joel is known as a Minor Prophet. Joel's recorded prophecies are short but direct. He described God's coming judgment as an "invasion of locusts"—a clear and terrifying image for Iron Age Israelite society. However, Joel is best known for predicting the "pouring out" of the Holy Spirit which would occur hundreds of years later at Pentecost, as described in Acts 2. There are twelve books in the Bible known as the Minor Prophets. The difference between the Major and Minor Prophets is not an issue of importance, but rather the length of material written and scope of content given by God. The twelve books are all in the Old Testament consisting of Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

Both the Major and Minor Prophets are usually among the least popular books of the Bible for Christians to read. This is understandable with the often unusual prophetic language and the seemingly constant warnings and condemnations recorded in the prophecies. Still, there is much valuable content to be studied in the Major and Minor Prophets. We read of Christ's birth in Isaiah and Micah. We

learn of Christ's atoning sacrifice in Isaiah. We read of Christ's return in Ezekiel, Daniel, and Zechariah. We learn of God's holiness, wrath, grace, and mercy in all of the Major and Minor Prophets. For that, they are most worthy of our attention and study.

- **These prophetic books arm us with the knowledge of our futures providing comfort for those who believe and potential discomfort for those who don't.**
- **These books keep us informed and they challenge us to Change!**

Joel 2:12-13 (New Living Translation, NLT)

12 That is why the Lord says, "Turn to me now, while there is time. Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning. 13 Don't tear your clothing in your grief, but tear your hearts instead." Return to the Lord your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent and not punish.

"Help with Changing!"

- **Identify your change**
- **Illustration of your change**
- **Instructions to your change**
- **Initiate your change**
- **Imagine your change**

"Help with Changing!"

- **Identify your change**

Matthew 13:13-15 (New Life Version, NLV)

13 "This is why I speak to them in parables. They have eyes but they do not see. They have ears but they do not hear and they do not understand. 14 It happened in their lives as Isaiah said it would happen. He said, 'You hear and hear but do not understand. You look and look but do not see. **15 The hearts of these people have become indifferent. They hear very little with their ears. They have closed their eyes. If they did not do this, they would see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts.** Then they would be changed in their ways, and I would heal them.'

- **Illustration of your change**

Hebrews 6:12 (Living Bible, TLB)

12 Then, knowing what lies ahead for you, you won't become bored with being a Christian nor become spiritually dull and indifferent, but you will be anxious to **follow the example of those who receive all that God has promised them** because of their strong faith and patience.

➤ **Instructions to your change**

Joshua 1:6-8 (NLT)

6 “Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. **8 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it.** Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

➤ **Initiate your change**

James 1:22 (Amplified Bible, AMP)

22 But be doers of the Word [obey the message], and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth].

➤ **Imagine your change**

1 Corinthians 2:9-12 (NLT)

9 That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”[a] Isaiah 64:4
10 But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. 11 No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. 12 And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

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