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REVELATION

A RENEWED IMAGINATION

Reflections

Now that I've won a slam, I know something very few people on earth are permitted to know. A win doesn't feel as good as a loss feels bad, and the good feeling doesn't last long as the bad. Not even close . . . There's a lot of good waiting for you on the other side of tired. Get yourself tired.

- Andre Agassi, *Open*

For Tiger, golf was his identity.

- Jeff Benedict and Armen Keteyian, *Tiger Woods*

My failures have made me look at myself in a way I've never wanted to before.

- Tiger Woods

Sermon

Living Life Falling Down and Casting Crowns

Rankin Wilbourne

'Nocturne in Black and Gold - The Falling Rocket' by James Whistler, 1875

'Revelation: A Renewed Imagination' logo by Jesse Wu

Scripture

Revelation 4

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."² At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne.³ And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.⁴ Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God,⁶ and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind:⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight.⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!"

⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹ "Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created."

Events & News

Prayer: the Invisible Reality, pt II, May 10, 12

Do you struggle with prayer? Do you want to learn how to pray? This month, we're diving into how to pray upward, that is, how to grow closer to the Lord through communicative prayer. Come to either our Thursday night or Saturday morning session.

Mom + Son Event, May 19

Take a private tour of the Peterson Automotive Museum and then enjoy a delicious picnic right across the street at LACMA. For moms and sons up to fourth grade.

Master Your Money 9-week Course, Begins June 10

Don't let money be the master of you. This 9-week course will help you identify and tackle some of the most common personal financial management issues. Learn how to budget, create a plan for debt relief, and understanding how to approach large financial decisions.

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Ministry Resources

Pastoral Care

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Celebrate Recovery

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