

1. Read Joel 2:1-17 — **Turn Back with All Your Heart.**

- What is different about this “day of the Lord” described in Chapter 2 compared to Chapter 1? Which of the descriptions in Verses 2-11 stood out most to you?
- What are some ways God might “sound the trumpet” in our lives in order to call us to pay attention and turn back?
- Why do you think Joel emphasizes “rending your heart” instead of “rending garments”? What’s the difference between surface-level change and inward transformation?
- Joel describes God as “gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.” How does knowing God’s character help motivate true repentance?

2. Read Joel 2:18-27 — **Turn Back and Experience Restoration.**

- What does it mean that God is “jealous” for his people (Verse 18)? How is this different from human jealousy?
- Why is it significant that God doesn’t just stop the devastation in our lives but actually brings renewal and blessing?
- Why is the spiritual restoration of our relationship with God (Verse 27) even more important than physical restoration of our lives?
- How have you witnessed God redeem wasted years and lost opportunities in your life or in the lives of others?

3. Read Joel 2:28-32 — **Turn Back and Receive God’s Spirit.**

- In the context of the Old Testament, what was significant about the promise of the outpouring of God’s spirit “on all people” in Verse 28?
- How does Joel’s prophecy here connect to the day of Pentecost in Acts 2?
- How does the Holy Spirit empower believers today? Can you think of a time when you’ve experienced his guidance, conviction, or boldness?
- What does it mean to “call on the name of the Lord”? How does this step highlight the simplicity of salvation? What holds people back from taking this step?

Next Week: Joel 3:1-21



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