

**Outdoor Worship Service**  
**Your Old Men Will Dream Dreams: How We Can Participate in the Kingdom Now**  
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**WELCOME!**

**GLORIOUS DAY**

*Verse 1:*

*I was buried beneath my shame  
Who could carry that kind of weight?  
It was my tomb 'Til I met You  
I was breathing, but not alive  
All my failures I tried to hide  
It was my tomb 'Til I met You  
You called my name and I ran out of that grave*

*Chorus:*

*Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
You called my name and I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day*

*Verse 2:*

*Now Your mercy has saved my soul  
Now Your freedom is all I know  
The old made new Jesus, when I met You  
You called my name and I ran out of that grave*

*Bridge:*

*I needed rescue, my sin was heavy  
But chains break at the weight of Your glory  
I needed shelter, I was an orphan  
Now You call me a citizen of heaven  
Now I was broken, You were my healing  
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing  
I have a future, my eyes are open  
Cause when You called my name I ran out of that grave*

**LIVING HOPE**

*Verse 1:*

*How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness  
Your loving kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope*

*Verse 2:*

*Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of Kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope*

*Chorus:*

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope*

*Verse 3:*

*Then came the morning that sealed the promise,  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the roaring lion  
Declared the grave has no claim me.  
Jesus, Yours is the victory*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

## **MESSAGE:**

### **Your Old Men Will Dream Dreams: *How We Can Participate in the Kingdom Now***

How do you feel about grasshoppers?

Grasshopper/Grasshoppers - 9 times in the Bible

Locust/Locusts - 36 times in the Bible

They play their biggest role in the book of Joel.

### **I. Joel's Structure**

#### **Part 1 - A Present Punishment For Violence - Joel 1**

**Joel 1:6-7** (NIV) A nation has invaded my land, a mighty army without number; it has the teeth of a lion, the fangs of a lioness. It has laid waste my vines and ruined my fig trees. It has stripped off their bark and thrown it away, leaving their branches white.

## Part 2 - A Future Punishment for Violence - Joel 2

**Joel 2:2-3** (NIV) ...Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was in ancient times nor ever will be in ages to come. Before them fire devours, behind them a flame blazes. Before them the land is like the garden of Eden, behind them, a desert waste — nothing escapes them.

## Part 3 - An Ultimate Punishment for Violence - Joel 3

**Joel 3:2** (NIV) I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will put them on trial for what they did to my inheritance, my people Israel...

**Joel 3:18** (NIV) In that day the mountains will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk; all the ravines of Judah will run with water. A fountain will flow out of the Lord's house and will water the valley of acacias.

## II. The (Not So) Secret In The Structure

**Joel 2:28-32** (NIV) And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

**Acts 2:14-21** (NIV) Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

**Romans 10:12-13** (NIV) For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

- The (not-so) secret in the structure is that the Kingdom exists now and we can participate in the Kingdom now.

"If everyone here were like Ned Flanders, there'd be no need for heaven. We'd already be there." - *Homer Simpson*

"The Gospel is less about how to get into the Kingdom of Heaven after you die, and more about how to live in the Kingdom of Heaven before you die." - *Dallas Willard*

This involves at least two things:

### A) Repenting Of What Is Anti-Kingdom or Un-Kingdom

**Joel 2:13** (NIV) Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

- Anti-Kingdom - violence

- Un-Kingdom - anxiety, fear, worry

## **B) Sharing What Is Kingdom**

**Joel 2:28** (NIV) ...I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

“Jesus, I also sincerely receive you as my authority, rule, and dominion, my everlasting victory against Satan and his kingdom, and my ability to bring your Kingdom at all times and in every way.” - *John Eldredge’s Daily Prayer*

“I confess that through Jesus I am a Kingdom agent, able to bring the Kingdom at all times in every way.” - *Pastor Doug’s version*

## **III. Dual Citizenship**

**Philippians 3:20** (NIV) **But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ**

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

### **This Week’s Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):**

Sat Rest    Sun Luke 15:1-10; Ps 86-89    Mon Luke 15:11-32; Ps 90-95    Tue Luke 16:1-9; Ps 96-102  
 Wed Luke 16:10-18; Ps 103-105    Thur Luke 16:19-31; Ps 106-107    Fri Luke 17:1-10; Ps 108-114    Sat Rest



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