

## BETWEEN THE PORCH & THE ALTAR

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### JOEL 2:15-17

*“Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: <sup>16</sup> Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. <sup>17</sup> Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?”*

### WHO IS AFFECTED BY, WHAT HAPPENS BETWEEN THE PORCH & THE ALTAR?

#### 1) THE CONGREGATION

##### V. 16a OF OUR SCRIPTURE TEXT

*“Gather the people, sanctify the congregation...”*

#### 2) THE MINISTRY LEADERS

##### V.16 OF OUR SCRIPTURE TEXT

*“...Assemble the elders...”*

#### 3) THE YOUNG PEOPLE

##### V. 16 OF OUR SCRIPTURE TEXT

*“...Gather the children, and those that suck the breasts...”*

#### 4) THOSE NORMALLY EXEMPT

##### V. 16b OF OUR SCRIPTURE TEXT

*“...Let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.*

#### 5) THE PASTORAL TEAM

##### V. 17a OF OUR SCRIPTURE TEXT

*“Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar...”*

### THREE THINGS THAT HAPPEN, BETWEEN THE PORCH & THE ALTAR:

#### 1) A WAKE-UP CALL IS GIVEN.

##### V. 15a OF OUR SCRIPTURE TEXT

*“Blow the trumpet in Zion...”*

#### 2) A SEPARATION IS REQUIRED.

 AGAIN IN V. 15 OF OUR SCRIPTURE TEXT... THE MAN OF GOD STATED THAT...

*“...Sanctify a fast...”*

3) A TIME OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER IS CALLED FOR.

✚ V. 15b, 17b OF OUR SCRIPTURE TEXT

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and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them:  
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