

•25 So I will restore to YOU the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the Lord your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame. Joel 2:25-26

•What the chewing locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; What the swarming locust left, the crawling locust has eaten; And what the crawling locust left, the consuming locust has eaten. Joel 1:4

•NIGHT WE WERE ROBBED

- Invaded, stolen, violated...
- Locust come because of-

•Sin

•Pride

- Pride is dangerous; it forces you to lie needlessly in a helpless state for days—and sometimes years. If you'd asked for help immediately, you could have gotten up and gone on with your life."

•Enemy

- Swarming Locust**- day, time or season of devastation.

- strips vegetation its assigned to look for life, greenery and strips the identity of something that was thriving, causing it to look dead.

- Different levels of locust development.

- The Crawling Locust**- creeping stage- no wings- beginning of destruction- frustrate you.

- DON'T IGNORE THIS STAGE!** It doesn't get better because you are nice. You attack!

- The Chewing Locust**- gnawing beast- doesn't devour crop just affects it. not divorce but marriage isn't what it used to be. ...

- Chews up vegetation and may not even eat what was chewed. Wasting it, liken to some one getting a plate of food, they decide they don't want it anyone and throws the plate of food in the garbage.

- The Consuming Locust**- destruction increases- it's keeps getting more hungry- eating

- to cause devastation - to cause severe or widespread damage to something.

- Great Army- those strong for war**- there are people who love war!- they will not apologize, they don't care!

- If you're dating someone who wants to fight about everything...

☑️ I WILL RESTORE TO YOU!

• *In 2006, Wynn put his elbow through a Picasso he owned, while showing it to friends. scheduled to be sold within days of the damage. In fact, a \$139 million deal had already been signed. Wynn was told the painting was only worth \$85 million once it had been fixed, but that didn't stop them from buying it for \$155 million more than six years later, topping his original offer by \$16 million.*

• *“If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and slaughters it or sells it, he shall restore five oxen for an ox and four sheep for a sheep. Exodus 22:1*

• With GOD restoration is always MORE!!!

• It doesn't matter what was lost. When God restores, It's ALWAYS BETTER!

• **EAT IN PLENTY**- lay claim to the space you lost!

• TAKE IT BACK. INCH BY INCH

• **Satisfied**- joy- filled with presence and have too much

• **Restore- to be completed; to be in a covenant of peace, to cause to be at peace, To be complete, be sound, be uninjured**

• **Ashamed**- you'll look backward and forward and not be disgraced.

• You say, “I feel so ashamed of the years I have wasted.”

• The God Who created time can give you more of it.

• We SOWED \$10k... Since then... over \$20k in unexpected bills.

☑️ YOUR DESTINATION IS RESTORATION!

• Let the restoration begin!

• *For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, declares the LORD, because they have called you an outcast: ‘It is Zion, for whom no one cares!’ Jeremiah 30:17*

• *Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Psalm 51:12*

• *And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Job 42:10*

• You can't believe for the reverse of what you believe God is doing to you.

• God is love. Love restores.

•Don't let your hope go.

☑NEW THING!

•Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19

•God's speaking to your dry places.

•Family, marriage, health, finances...

•Isaiah 43- QUIT LOOKING BACK! - Have to have something better in front.

•Old Locust

• **Don't let your past DEFEAT your future!**

•Your past is not an indicator predictor dictator of your future.

☑God restores at the level of our faith.

•Faith is

•12Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him. 13The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; 14for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds

and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him. Genesis 26:12-14

•If locust takes your harvest, famine stops your seed.

•God doesn't just respond to his seed.

•God responds to a seed in famine!

•What is a SEED? FUTURE!

•You have got to start sowing again...

•Sowing represents FUTURE!

•Blessed- caused his life to go forward...

•Standing at garage door... When police showed up we went in.

•GOD is saying to someone today- I am with you, I will bless you, I will cause your life to go forward!

•Have you stopped sowing? I expect rivers. I expect new ways. I expect...

☑Restoration of the lost years

•Give you your **PRODUCE** back.

•Give you your **PRAISE** back.

•Give you **PRESENCE** back.

•*Drunk man that fell in a grave. You can't get out of here... BUT HE DID!*