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Sermon Title: An Act of God

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Scripture: “And I will restore to you the years that the locust has eaten...” [Joel 2:25a]

1. Joel describes how God judged His own people when they betrayed Him, and how He’ll one-day judge the nations who refuse Him.
2. The effects of sin aren’t confined to the human heart and human society! Creation has also been compromised.
3. Not every “act of God” is an “act of God!”
4. There are times when a natural catastrophe is truly an “act of God!”
5. Once sin is unleashed, its devastating effects aren’t easily limited.
6. God’s goal in fighting His people isn’t their destruction; it’s their restoration. In a real sense when He wins - we win!
7. God often appeals to straying hearts in the “eleventh hour.”
8. When you come to the end of yourself you may be closer to God than ever before!
9. God’s not only able to restore everything; He’s eager to restore everything!
10. If we diminish the horror of evil, we ultimately diminish the goodness of God.
11. The restoration God offers is carried out by the Holy Spirit. You don’t have to be “up to it.” He’s up to it!

Growth Group Questions

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KICK-OFF

1. What good books have you read recently and how have they impacted you?
2. Have you ever had to endure or live through a natural disaster? If so, share the experience.

THE GAME PLAN

1. What points from today's sermon challenged you, impacted you, or caught your attention and why?
2. Describe some "acts of God" that you are most thankful for?
3. Share about a time when you felt God was wrestling against you to secure your restoration.
4. Is there some area of your life the locusts are devouring due to sin or rebellion? Are you eager for the restoration Jesus offers? How can we pray for you or help you?

ACAC NEXT GEN

1. Determine which date your group will attend the ACAC "Next Gen" presentation in Simpson Hall. (Only 2 weekends remain – this weekend and next.)
2. If your group attended last week – discuss what you heard and learned that:
 - Excited or energized you
 - Concerned or confused you



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