



**WAITING WISELY
WHEN JUDGMENT COMES**

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The doctrine of judgment makes
us both mindful and thankful.



MINDFUL

JOEL 2:1-11

God Judges

Before them fire devours, behind them a flame blazes.

JOEL 2:3a

Judgment Is Universal

Before them the earth shakes, the heavens tremble, the sun and moon are darkened, and the stars no longer shine. The Lord thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty is the army that obeys his command. The day of the Lord is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it?

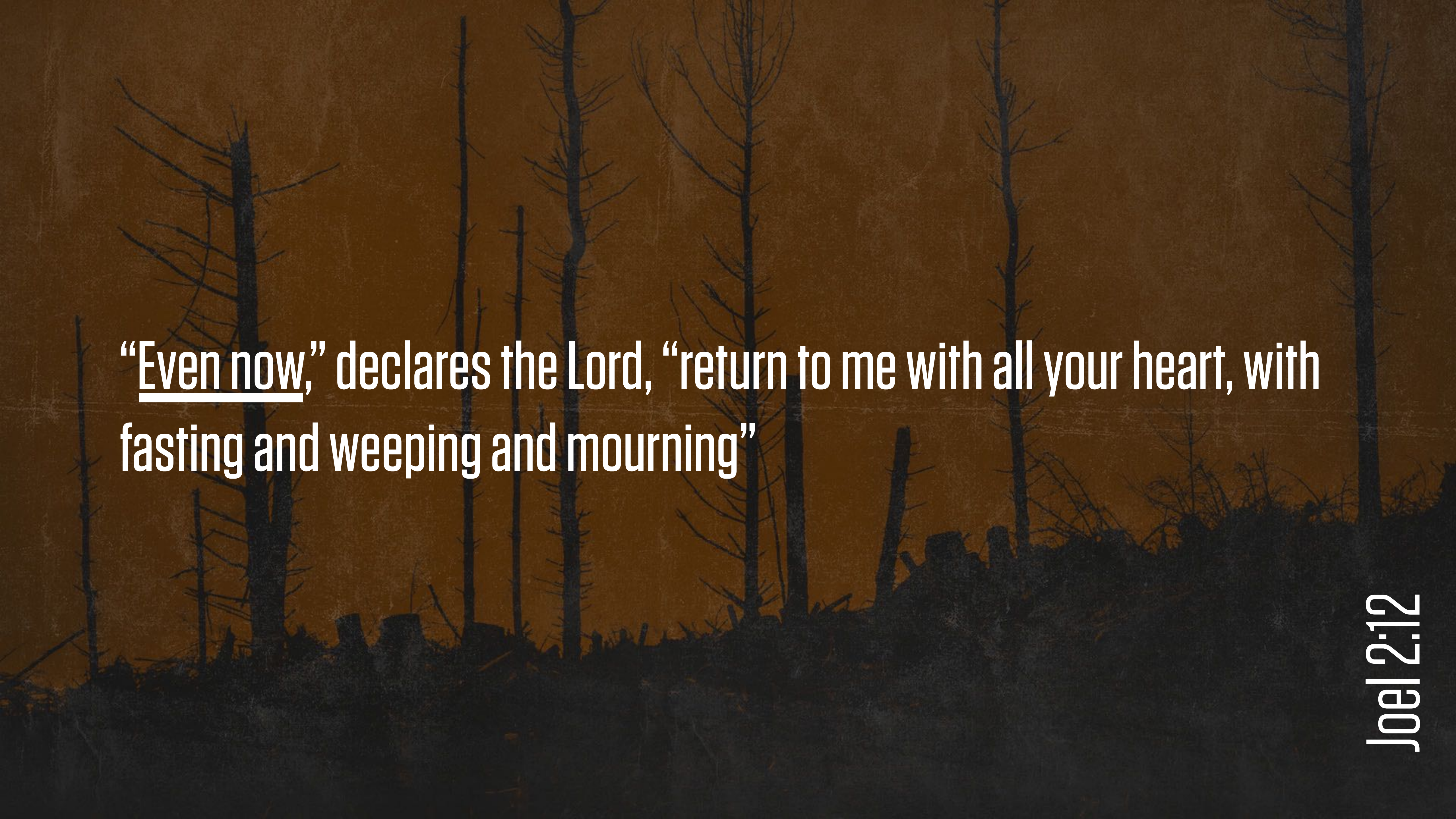
By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

1 Corinthians 3:10-15



THANKFUL

JOEL 2:2-27



“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning”

JOEL 2:12

God Relents

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. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing.

Joel 2:13-14a

God Restores

I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm—my great army that I sent among you.

Salvation and Blessing



**Those who call on
the name of the Lord**

Judgment and Destruction



**Those who go
their own way.**



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He will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 21:4



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