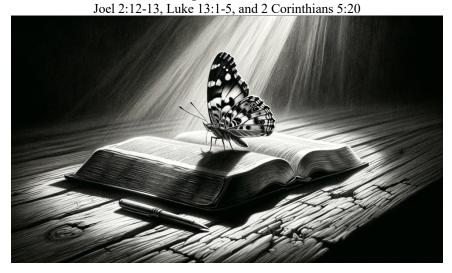
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The Call to Repentance and Reflection:



Joel 2:12-13

- Despite bad events (war Joel 2:5 and locusts Joel 2:25), turn (return) to the Lord
- rend your hearts and not your garments
 - It is about the **heart** (internal), not the **appearance**. (external).

Verse	Gracious	Merciful	Slow to Anger	Abounding in	Relenting
	(חַבּוּן)	(רַחוּם)	(אֶרֶךְ אַפַּיִם)	Steadfast Love	from Disaster
				(רַב-חֶסֶד)	(נָחָם)
Exodus 34:6	√	√	✓	√	
Numbers 14:18			✓	√	
Nehemiah 9:17	√	V	✓	√	
Psalm 86:15	√	V	✓	√	
Psalm 103:8	√	√	✓	√	
Psalm 145:8	√	√	√	√	
Joel 2:13	V	✓	<mark>√</mark>	<mark>√</mark>	<mark>✓</mark>
Jonah 4:2	√	√	✓	√	✓
Nahum 1:3			✓		
Micah 7:18				V	

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Luke 13:1-5

- People asking Christ about the **two** bad events: *who* is the *worse* sinner? / what sin did they commit?
 - o Galileans killed during their sacrifice
 - The tower in Siloam killing 18 people
- Repent¹(ance²): To change your mind | Metanoia² / Metanoeō¹
 - Meta: beyond / to change
 - o Noja/noeō: Mind
 - o Idea: change your mind (*about Christ* by believing in him), instead of focusing on who's sin is greater.

Note: Metanoia^{2.} = Repentance | Metanoeō¹ = Repent

2 Corinthians 5:20

- Ambassador: Representative of Christ
- Reconciled: Changed / Exchanged / to be made right
- Idea. As ambassadors of Christ, implore (beg) for others to be right with Christ.

Understanding Mark 1:15: "... repent and believe in the gospel."

- Repent¹: Metanoeō¹ (Metanoia²) | Change your mind
- Believe: have faith / place your trust in / believe

Questions for reflection:

From Joel 2:12-13:

- How can we return to God in the mist of trying times?
- What does it mean to rend our hearts in today's context? From Luke 13:1-5:
 - How can we care for those effected by tragedies?
 - How can we change our hearts (repent) to God today?
- From 2 Corinthians 5:20:
 - How can we be an ambassador for Christ in our life?
 - How can we encourage people to be right with God?

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