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Sermon Title: "The Return and the Turn"

Text: Joel 2:12-17 (NASB)

"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "Return to Me with all your heart, And with fasting, weeping and mourning; ¹³ And rend your heart and not your garments." Now return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness and relenting of evil. ¹⁴ Who knows whether He will *not* turn and relent and leave a blessing behind Him, *even* a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? ¹⁵ Blow a trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, ¹⁶ Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and the nursing infants. Let the bridegroom come out of his room and the bride out of her *bridal* chamber. ¹⁷ Let the priests, the Lord's ministers, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, "Spare Your people, O Lord, and do not make Your inheritance a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they among the peoples say, 'Where is their God?'"

I. Our Return to God (vs. 12, 13a, 15-17)

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II. God's turning to us. (vs. 13b, 14, 17)

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