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## Recovering the Power of Celebration

This week Pastor Anthony continued the series *Recovery Plus*. This last year there was so much that was lost but the God we serve is a recovery plus God. We are looking together at how to recover what has been lost by God's grace and mercy. So, gather with your family or go through these points alone each week and let's grow together.

*The Lord says, I will give you back what you lost...* Joel 2:25 NLT

1. The first reason why celebration is important is that it boosts our well-being by reflecting our attitude of gratitude or the ability to enjoy what we have. The second reason it is important is that God wants us to celebrate Him and His work in our lives (read Psalm 13:5 and Philippians 4:4).
2. What can stop or interfere with our celebration?
  - Ignorance (read 1 Timothy 4:1-3). People often say they have no reason to celebrate and that is simply not true.
  - The thief comes to steal from us (read John 10:10).
  - Doubt (read Exodus 3:11 and John 20:25)
  - When you lose your reason to celebrate (read Luke 15:25-32).
3. Ultimately, you celebrate what you value. So, put your value in celebrating God and life.
4. What can help us to recover our celebration? Moses moved closer to God and Thomas settled his doubts. Engaging in redemptive acts can also help to recover our celebration (read Exodus 3:12 and Luke 15:10). Who can you help to bring out of slavery this week? Do you have any doubts that need to be settled or do you need to get closer to God?
5. Pastor Anthony closed with how we should celebrate Jesus (read Luke 19:37-40). Take some time this week to have a special time of celebrating Jesus and thanking Him for all that He has done for you.

Close in Prayer