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THE HARVESTER



THRIVE
ADVENTURES



Creating life-giving experiences for relational growth with God and others.

“REVERSE THE CURSE”

“It was a powerful weekend for us... I want to own my responsibilities in a more loving and godly way, and to treat my wife in such a way that she feels free to share any struggle without judgment.”

“Tons of great information. Lots of strategies. It was totally worth the time and effort... you made it easy and enjoyable to make the effort.”

“As a couple we learned how to resolve conflict. I learned that I try to control instead of letting my wife be her own person.”

I feel like we had a breakthrough with talking with each other.”

“It was super helpful when we both realized we want the same thing.”

These were some of the comments from our first 3-day marriage adventure. Hiking, kayaking, learning activities, beautiful weather, and the power of God really made this event a huge success. One couple came in “hopeless” and left “relieved, and excited.” Another couple arrived wondering if their marriage was even worth it and left “hopeful and better equipped.” We focused on

the effects of the curse in Genesis and how God teaches us to be reconciled to Him and one another through confession, repentance, speaking in grace and truth, recognizing our limits, taking responsibility, and reaching out to the Body of Christ.

We hosted the event at our house, having established camp sites in the back yard along the brook. It was such a joy to use our new addition for what it was intended: ministry and family hospitality. We felt so blessed to care for these couples and to grow alongside them. Thank you for praying for this!!!

“I have a heightened awareness of the responsibility and desire I have to draw my husband out, know what he needs, and give it to him. I am less fearful of bringing up concerns to him. I saw God revealing things to him that he couldn’t hear from me and that encourages me to keep seeking God on behalf of my husband, and trusting God... we don’t have to be drowning in life stuff anymore.” -Reverse the Curse participant



We praise God for His guidance in completing our Thrive website! Groups can now learn about us and sign up for experiences on line. Please check it out!

ThriveAdventures.org

7 DAYS OF PRAYER

Please pray for wisdom in equipping the church to build relationships with the lost and to boldly share the Gospel.

Pray that we too will be His bold and loving witnesses to our communities.

Please pray for our team conference **July 3-8** as our Asheville team comes up to stay with us: for deep and encouraging connection, and for God's inspired vision and strategic planning.

Pray that our rafting trip on **July 12** with Southwest Harbor Congregational Church would be fruitful.

Pray for the Fayette high schoolers who will be with us **July 18-21**: that we would point them well to Christ and they would build a great reliance on Him and a commitment to each other.

Pray for our next marriage adventure, "Reverse the Curse," **July 22-26**: that people will come and God will move.

Please pray for the surgical team that is coming rafting on **July 28th**—that they would hear and receive God's love and message, that they would want more, and that it would transform their relationships in positive ways.



TRUSTING IN GOD'S PLAN

We have been excited to have the opportunity to partner with Breakwater Ministries in Bar Harbor, using the West's gorgeous mansion to house pastoral couples for a pastor's retreat that we entitled "Replenish." However, we were disappointed to have only one couple sign up to attend. After praying and considering, we have decided to turn that event into another marriage conference, in the hopes of still using that lovely space and designated time for God's glory. And so, we beseech you to pray for that event, but we also invite

you to COME!! We have space for four couples and would love to serve you or those you know. Couples of all ages are welcome. We will be kayaking, hiking, and exploring—practicing ways to reverse the curse through communication, setting realistic expectations, and living in grace and truth. The cost, including food and lodging, is \$385/couple. You can learn more and register online at:

ThriveAdventures.org/retreats or just email Dan:

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We hope you can join us!