

REDEEMING THE TIME

Joel 2:25-27

Two Readers: (T/M) The Text Master, F-1 Melinda, a teen girl

F-1 Good morning, my name is _____ and today I am reading the part of a teenager named Melinda.

T/M Good morning. My name is _____ and today I will be serving as your Text master.

T/M- Our Living Word passage of the day is taken from Joel 2:25-27...

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty...

F/1- O.K. God. This is Melinda. You know, the dumb one... the one that really, really messed up last year. I know sophomores are supposed to be kind of ding-ey, but I guess I have to be the poster-child of stupidity. I don't even know how I can go in through those doors to start another school year after the way that I made a fool of myself last year...

T/M- *And I will restore to you the years ...*

F/1- I can't believe I was such a bimbo. How can you pack that much stupid into one body? That's what I want to know...

T/M- *And I will restore to you the years ...*

F/1- I know that if I see Mr. Graham I'll just die. He's actually not a bad guy and I really, really hurt him with what I did...

T/M- *And I will restore to you the years ...*

F/1- Here, he actually trusted me. He gave me the responsibility like that and I just blew it right out the window. I can't imagine what I was thinking! I don't think anybody will ever trust me again after what I did.

T/M- *And I will restore to you the years ...*

F/1- Maybe if it hadn't happened right at the end of the year I could have somehow made amends before the summer, but I never had a chance. I got suspended for the last four days and now I have to walk back in just like it happened yesterday...

T/M- *And I will restore to you the years ...*

F/1- Well, I might as well go on in. Maybe I can just sneak in and sit in the back of classes and hide for a while... but I don't think it's ever going away... no one's ever going to forget how I messed up so royally...

T/M- *And I will restore to you the years ... And Ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else; and my people shall never be ashamed.*

May Christ instill the truth of this, His Word, into each of us today.