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# LION'S ROAR MAGAZINE

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# RIVERS IN THE DESERT

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now it shall spring forth;  
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and rivers in the desert.

*Isaiah 43:19*



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Dear City of Praise Family,

*"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV)." Now look very closely at that scripture. What kind of end? An EXPECTED end. Walking with that spirit of expectation is so very crucial now. In other words, God has a plan for us and it is an excellent one, but He is also telling us that His full plan will come to pass in our lives if we trust him and EXPECT IT to happen!!! "He who doubts is like the wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord (James 1: 6,7 NIV)." We are truly in the season of breakthrough now. If you live holy and take Him at His Word—if you expect it you WILL see it begin to come to pass this year. 2019 is reaping time. "Not one of all of the Lord's good promises to the house of Israel failed; every one was fulfilled (Joshua 21:45 NIV)." "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you (Joshua 3:5 NIV)."*

God bless you,

*Bishop Joel and  
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# RIVERS IN THE DESERT

By: Bishop Joel Peebles

*“Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.” (Isaiah 43:19)*

The desert is a dry, barren land, with very little life. Because of the heat and the lack of life-giving water, only certain prickly plants and predatorial animals can even survive in the desert. It is an empty place with little to no growth. Looks can be deceiving though, because sometimes a desert can actually look pretty. Case in point—the Grand Canyon—absolutely beautiful! But to venture through the desert can bring out the reality of its pitfalls.

Sometimes we feel as though we are walking through a desert in our lives. You know what God promised you, and you have been faithfully waiting on the fruition, but right now nothing seems to be growing, nothing is working. As far as your natural eye can see there is nothing on the horizon. You are getting frustrated with the attacks that come from the left and the right. My God where are you? You're thirsty, and about to give up, but you keep moving forward. You keep moving because God told you to keep moving. He told you that He is with you and will never, ever leave you. He is your rearguard when the attacks

come. God's got you! *“But you will not leave in haste or go in flight; for the LORD will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard (Isaiah 52:12).”*

But God is not a man that He should lie. He told you that He has an excellent plan for your life, and His timing is always perfect. *“‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11).’”* As you are obedient to God and continue moving forward in Him, trusting in His promise that this is the **Year of Dynamic Impact**, you see a trickle of water in the sand. Where did that come from? Keep walking. Keep trusting. You see a little more water, just enough to quench your thirst. Then you walk over the next rise and behold, there are RIVERS!! Not one river but RIVERS! As He promised, God has sent you water in the desert, which brings life and the new thing that He is about to bring forth in your life. *“Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard (Isaiah 58:8).”* It is good. And it is perfect. He has brought you through because you remained faithful and obedient, trusting in Him. You didn't give up on God. You will come out like pure gold, and that new thing shall spring forth in your life, just like He promised. Know that it will.



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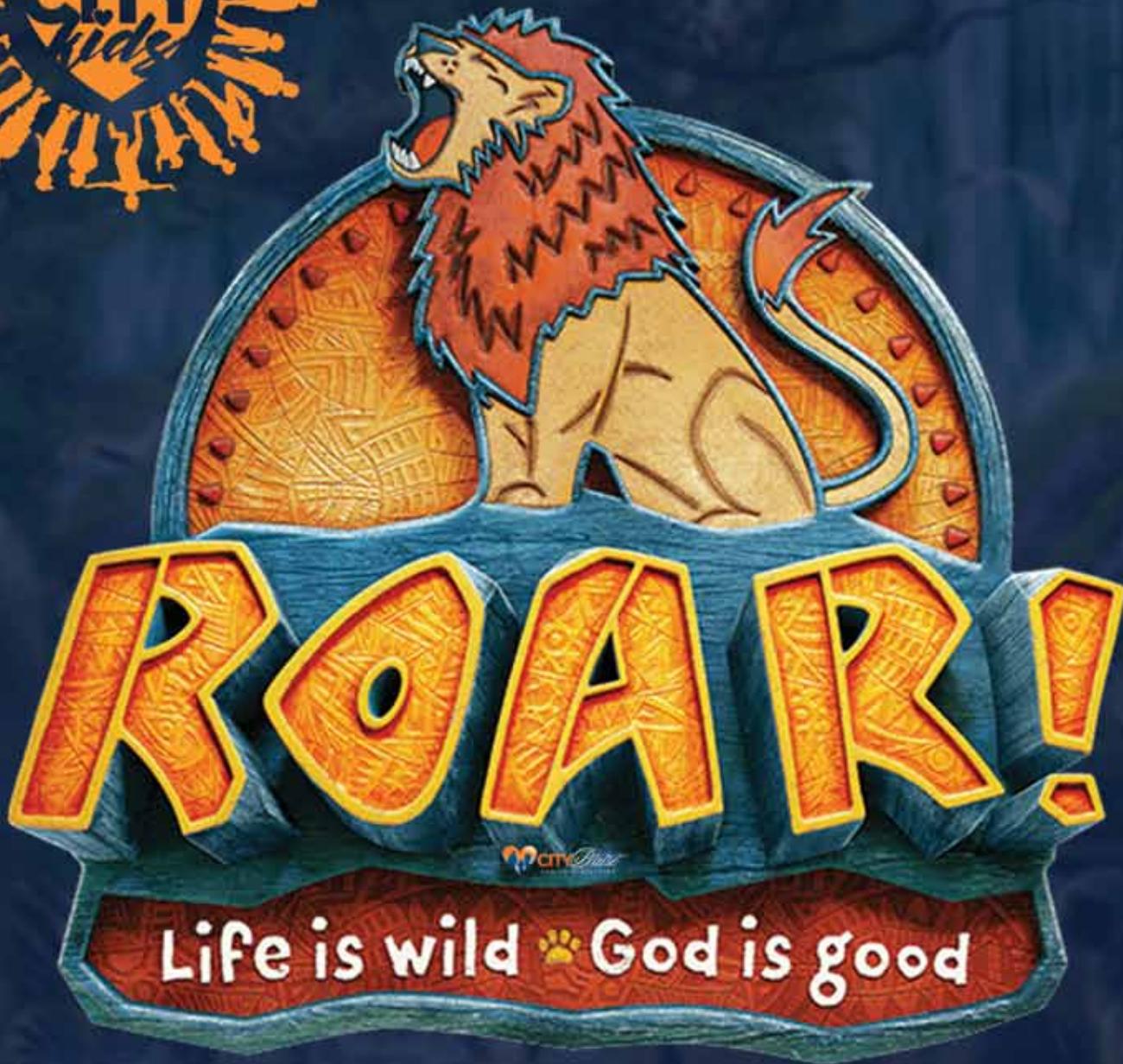
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