

*“So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten”*

Joel 2:25a (NKJV)

Lent is upon us — the time leading up to Easter Sunday. Lent is a time of spiritual reflection and of restoration. Looking back on the last couple of years, with its craziness, chaos, and uncertainties, it is apparent that some things have been lost; eaten up by the swarming locusts. I believe we have all experienced loss these past couple of years. Our losses have been both tangible and intangible.

Personally, I feel I have lost some of my spiritual stamina in the last several months. My devotional times do not seem to have the same staying power. I felt my spiritual awareness was not as acute as I desired it to be. As I reflected on this, the Holy Spirit brought this promise to my remembrance; that God would restore what was lost, restore what the locust has eaten.

Have you felt that the swarming locust have eaten away at something in your life? Lent is a good time to reflect on what has been lost and claim God’s promise of restoration.

Dear Father, I sometimes get the sense that I have lost something, that the swarming locusts have been eating away at my spiritual stamina. I claim Your promise that you will restore what has been lost. In this Lent season, let me reflect honestly on my spiritual condition and trust Your promise to restore what the locusts have eaten. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

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