Joel 1:13-14 *Dress yourselves in sackcloth, you priests! Wail, you who serve before the altar! Come, spend the night in sackcloth, you ministers of my God! There is no grain or wine to offer at the Temple of your God. [14] Announce a time of fasting; call the people together for a solemn meeting. Bring the leaders and all the people into the Temple of the Lord your God, and cry out to him there. (NLT)*

****Joel tells the Priests to dress in sackcloth which could be a sign of either Mourning or Repentance. The prophet is instructing the priests to lead the nation in a time of Repentance. Repentance meant that they needed to turn away from their sin and back to God. They were to lead the nation in a time of Fasting and crying out to GOD. This was to make sure people understood that the plague of locusts was God's judgment on their sin and disobedience. As they cried out to God they were to seek His forgiveness and ask for His Mercy and Grace.

PRAYER: Lord, help me always to remember that I can turn away from sin and back to YOU at anytime. Help me to seek after You and to pour out my heart to YOU.

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