

*Be my
Witness*

21 Day Devotional

January 2024

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January 8-28, 2024

It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

— Jesus (Acts 1:7-8)

Special Prayer & Equipping Events

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Sunday, January 14th, 12:15-2pm

“Be My Witness” Training with Tim Morningstar

Enjoy a lite lunch and a two-part seminar training on how to share your faith with others. This simple, fun and interactive training time will give you the tools and confidence you need to be a witness for Jesus.

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Sunday, January 14th, 6:30-8pm

Holy Spirit Night

Come enjoy a time of praise and worship. Then learn what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Enjoy some prayer and equipping time.

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Tuesday, January 16th, 6-7pm

Prayer for Healing Night with Harvest Elders

If you are sick, facing a long-term ailment or diagnosis, then come and have the Harvest Elders pray for you.

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Sunday-Tuesday, January 28, 29 & 30th, 6:30-8pm

Encounter Nights

Come enjoy three impactful nights of prayer, worship, and inspirational messages! This year we are pleased to welcome Stacey Gagnon, the Executive Director of RETA, and Pastor Maury Davis, from Nashville, Tennessee as our featured speakers. Our evenings will include children’s ministry for ages 0-5th grade.

Weekly Prayer Meetings

Tuesday

Tuesday Nights at 6:30pm in the Worship Center
Join the Harvest Prayer Team for a regular night of prayer.

Thursday

Thursday Afternoons at 2pm in Room 3
Join pastor Jeremy and the Harvest Prayer Team for our weekly prayer meeting.

Sunday

Join the Harvest Prayer Team for our pre-service and mid-service prayer meetings.

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Introduction

For half a millennium, the nation of Israel, God's chosen people in the Old Testament, had been looking and praying for a Messiah and a kingdom. A man of amazing power and influence, a direct descendant of the great King David, a man who would unite the nation, restore the monarchy and rebuild the might of the once proud nation of David and Solomon.

Just a century and a half earlier, a group of leaders known as the Maccabees had almost succeeded. They had led a rebellion, overthrown the foreign powers of Greece and restored rightful Temple worship. But it was not to last. Political division and underhanded power struggles eventually led to conquest by the Roman Empire. While the Jews were free to worship, they were marked as a fallen, occupied people. They wanted to be great again.

Then Jesus burst onto the scene. He preached the good news of a coming kingdom, he healed the sick, he cast out demons, he even fed the masses — something essential if you needed to raise an army to fight against Rome. He even entered the capital city of Jerusalem to the praises of “Hosanna, Hosanna” — “save us, please, save us, please!”

But there was something very different about Jesus. Yes, he did talk about a kingdom. Yes, he called himself the “son of David.” Yes, he clearly had authority. But none of it was political. He was trying to make clear that his kingdom offered eternal hope for all mankind.

For three years his disciples heard him preach. He said things like “you must be born of the Spirit to enter the Kingdom of God” ... or “the Kingdom comes by faith”... or “the Kingdom of God is within in you.” Just hours before he died, he told the most powerful political figure in his nation, Pilate, “My kingdom is not of this world.” He was not there to change politics; he was there to save human souls. As he said to Nicodemus, the great teacher of the Old Testament Law,

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” — Jesus (John 3:16-17)¹

¹ Note: All Scripture references are in the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted. Scriptures taken from www.biblegateway.com

After his death and resurrection, Jesus continued to teach the disciples of his mission and what his kingdom really was all about.

Then, on the fateful day that Jesus would ascend to heaven, he gathered a group of around 500 people just outside of Jerusalem. There he gave them his parting words of the Great Commission, “go make disciples!” Then, a curious thing happens.

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” — Acts 1:6

Jesus was perfect and sinless. I still imagine he had to fight a visible eyeroll at this question. Three years of teaching the Kingdom of Heaven, three years of talking about a salvation available to the whole world, three days in a tomb, a resurrection... and they are still asking, “when will you make Israel great again?”

Sure, it might have been a simple clarifying question. But it is one that could lead them to miss his entire purpose and the disciple’s entire mission. So, he answers wisely in a way to keep them on the path of both.

He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” — Acts 1:7-8

First, he says, “don’t worry about times and seasons.” In other words, God is going to do with Israel (or any nation for that matter) what he wants when he wants. That is not your primary concern.

Then he gives them their primary concern, focus, mission... “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses.” That is it. That is what Jesus wanted the disciples to focus on. No matter the future of the nation, the drama of their lives, the confusion of their circumstances; their focus was being empowered by his Holy Spirit and being witnesses to who Jesus is and what he does for our lives. Be empowered! Be a witness.

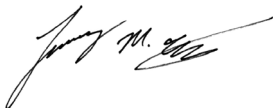
As I look toward 2024, this is my prayer for Harvest. That no matter what happens in our nation, our economy, our everyday lives, we would trust God with those things. While we are trusting in him with that, I am praying that our focus is on what Jesus asks us to do — be empowered by the Holy Spirit and be committed to being his witnesses. This mission of Jesus is what kept his disciples grounded

when they were persecuted, when they went to foreign lands, when their capital and their temple was destroyed. This mission of Jesus is what has made the church the most successful movement of people in the last 2,000 years. It is this mission of Jesus that will keep us focused and help us to find purpose and hope in our uncertain times.

For the next three weeks, I want you to take the time to meditate on what it means to be empowered by the Holy Spirit and committed to being his witness. That is what this devotional is all about.

I want to encourage all of you to engage this study, spend time praying and seeking God for your life as 2024 begins. I would also encourage you to attend some of our 21-days-of-prayer meetings during the week, as well as our Encounter prayer and worship nights on January 28-30th. Let's press in and allow the Holy Spirit to do something awesome in our lives and congregation in 2024.

Many Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy M. Gwaltney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jeremy M. Gwaltney
Lead Pastor
Harvest Community Church

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Week One

*"You will receive power when the Holy
Spirit has come upon you."
— Jesus*

Surrendering Our Future

Monday, January 8, 2024

*So when [Jesus' followers] had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" [Jesus] said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority."
— Acts 1:6-7*

So much had transpired in the two months leading up to this moment. Jesus had entered Jerusalem in the triumph of a warrior king. He had been betrayed, tried, and crucified as a traitor and blasphemer. He had sat in a dark grave for a weekend. He was resurrected and appeared to the disciples in walks across the countryside, behind closed doors and fish fries on the beach. He had taught them the meaning of the entire Old Testament and his true purposes and Kingdom. All along, he had let the disciples know he would be returning to heaven, and they would carry on his work without him.

The disciples must have sensed the time was near because they asked the question, "what now?" The introduction to this devotional guide discusses the political (and ridiculous) nature of this question. But in one sense, it was natural; what happens in my future? Who takes care of me? In many ways, we view political leaders and governments as those who care for us. When would Jesus fulfill that role? What happens next in my future?

Jesus answers, "It is not for you to know...". In other words, your future is totally in the hands of God, and you must trust him with it. That is true faith!

The experience of God's power and grace ALWAYS begins with surrender. I am not in charge, I can't always know, I won't always understand. I have to surrender and trust God with the future.

In this passage, Jesus is asking his disciples to surrender their future. Their personal future, the future of their families, the future of their country. It is this surrender that makes them a true empty vessel into which Jesus will pour the power of the Holy Spirit.

At the dawn of 2024, a year in which we will ask a lot of questions about the future, Jesus is telling us the same thing; "it is not for you to know, surrender and follow me by faith." How will you respond?

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart. What do you need to surrender?
- Are you worried about your future or the future of our country? Will you surrender it in faith to Jesus?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare you as an empty vessel so that he can pour his power into you.

Surrendering Our Will

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

“It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.”

— Jesus (Acts 1:7)

Before they could receive the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus asks his followers to do two things. First, to surrender their future (you won't know the time), the second to surrender to God's authority (fixed by his own authority). This statement was a subtle, gentle reminder that God is in charge, we are to simply trust and follow his will for our lives, family and nation. It might not seem like it, but this is the essence of revival — being broken and empty in the face of God's authority.

Revivalist preacher, Roy Hession, in his classic book, *The Calvary Road*, writes of this concept of revival and brokenness. He says,

“We want to be very simple in this matter of Revival. Revival is just the life of the Lord Jesus poured into human hearts. Jesus is always victorious... the first thing we must learn is that our wills must be broken to His will. To be broken is the beginning of Revival. It is painful, humiliating, but it is the only way. It is being ‘Not I, but Christ’ (Gal 2:20), and a ‘C’ is a bent ‘I.’ The Lord Jesus cannot live in us fully and reveal Himself through us until the proud self within us is broken. This simply means that the hard unyielding self, which justifies itself, wants its own way, stands up for its rights, and seeks its own glory, at last bows its head to God's will...”

Andrew Murray says, ‘Just as water ever seeks and fills the lowest place, so the moment God finds you abased and empty, His glory and power flow in... as Jesus is always passing by, the cup can be

always running over. That is something of what David meant, when he said, 'My cup runneth over.' This is Revival - you and I full to overflowing with blessing ourselves and to others - with a constant peace in our hearts. People imagine that dying to self makes one miserable. But it is just the opposite. It is the refusal to die to self that makes one miserable. The more we know of death with Him, the more we shall know of His life in us, and so the more of real peace and joy. His life, too, will overflow through us to lost souls in a real concern for their salvation, and to our fellow Christians in a deep desire for their blessing." — Roy Hession, The Calvary Road (p.1, 3).

The power of the Holy Spirit in our lives first begins with surrendering our will to Jesus, declaring ourselves empty and our need for him.

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart. What do you need to surrender?
- Is there a sin that needs to be confessed? A place of pride you are holding onto? A place where you are unwilling to forgive someone? Confess those now.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare you as an empty vessel so that he can pour his power into you.

You Will Receive Power

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...”

— Jesus (Acts 1:8)

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

— Jesus (Matthew 5:14)

We need power. Jesus says we are the light of the world. Do you know a light that functions without a power source? Like the oil-wicks of Jesus' day, or the electrical outlets of our world, a power has to fuel the brightness of Jesus. In the life that follows Jesus, that power is the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is, at a minimum, three things for us:

1. **He is the Source of our Life in Jesus.** Jesus told the Rabbi Nicodemus that we had to be “born again” to have a relationship with God. He says,

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of... the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” — Jesus (John 3:5-8)

Because the Holy Spirit is the one who births the life of Jesus in us, he wants us to have a personal relationship with him the way we have a relationship with Jesus. We can talk to him, enjoy his presence and ask him to fill us with power.

2. **He is a gift of God's grace.** Paul in the book of Galatians talks about how the Holy Spirit is part of the grace of God. He writes:

Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”? — Paul (Galatians 3:5-6)

It makes so much sense. Grace is God doing for us what we can't do on our own. What is that power to do what we can't do? It is the power of the Holy Spirit working in us by the life of Jesus.

3. **He empowers us for ministry.** Jesus says something interesting to his followers.

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father... I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper... the Spirit of truth...”
— Jesus (John 14:12, 16-17)*

That is a pretty incredible thought. The power of the Holy Spirit will enable his followers to do even greater works of ministry than Jesus did. I would like that kind of power! How about you?

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart. What do you need to surrender?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with his presence.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare you as an empty vessel so that he can pour his power into you.

You Will Receive the Holy Spirit

Thursday, January 11, 2024

And while [Jesus was] staying with [his followers] he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ... “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you... ”

— Jesus (Acts 1:4-5, 8)

This is so important. Jesus, before returning to heaven says, “Don’t miss this moment! The Holy Spirit is coming.” He then essentially orders his followers on lockdown until they experience the “baptism with the Holy Spirit.” It was so important to their life, their ministry, their future that Jesus says you have to be there when it happens. Sad thing is, scholars estimate that there were several hundred people that heard Jesus say the words above, yet, a few weeks later, only 120 were in the upper room when the Holy Spirit came. Who do you want to be?

How do you receive the Holy Spirit? Simply ask him to fill you. Jesus says,

“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” — Jesus (Luke 11:13)

Paul says, *“but be [continually] filled with the Spirit” (Ephesians 5:18c).* Invite the Holy Spirit into your life today.

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart. What do you need to surrender?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you today. Don't be too fast to move onto the next thing, just hang out in his presence for a few minutes.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare you as an empty vessel so that he can pour his power into you.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Join Pastor Jim for a ***Holy Spirit Night on Sunday, January 14th from 6:30-8pm***. There will be worship and a simple teaching on the filling of the Holy Spirit followed by a time of prayer ministry.

The Holy Spirit Power to Change

Friday, January 12, 2024

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh... But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.
— Galatians 5:16, 22-25

Earlier in the week, we read a passage on Revival by the author Roy Hessian. It said,

"The first thing we must learn is that our wills must be broken to His will. To be broken is the beginning of Revival. It is painful, humiliating, but it is the only way. It is being 'Not I, but Christ' (Gal 2:20), and a 'C' is a bent 'I.' The Lord Jesus cannot live in us fully and reveal Himself through us until the proud self within us is broken. This simply means that the hard unyielding self, which justifies itself, wants its own way, stands up for its rights, and seeks its own glory, at last bows its head to God's will..."

Simply put, the Holy Spirit power insists that it be poured into a cleansed vessel. We can't remain in our sin and unbrokenness and expect to experience the meaningful power of the Holy Spirit. The good news is that the same Holy Spirit that wants to fill us with power also wants to change who we are into a better reflection of Jesus.

That is what the passage above is all about. We regularly come and ask the Holy Spirit to fill us. As we "walk" and "live" by the Spirit, he begins to change our lives. He produces "fruit."

Fruit is not the result of hard effort. Fruit is a result of a plant being healthy; allowing the life of the Spirit to flow in you and change the proud sinful self into a humble, broken self. The result is more love,

joy, peace... etc., the person you know you are supposed to be. The Holy Spirit provides the gracious power to change from a proud "I" to a bent "C" — a person who is like Christ.

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart. What do you need to surrender?
- What are one or two areas in your life that you know need to change, but you have felt powerless to do so? List them below and ask the Holy Spirit to change them in you:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you and prepare you as an empty vessel so that he can pour his power into you.

The Holy Spirit Power to Minister

Saturday, January 13, 2024

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...”

— Jesus (Acts 1:8)

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

— 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Remember the “greater works than these” that Jesus said his followers would do? Where does the power come from? The Holy Spirit.

How does the Holy Spirit empower these works? Paul says, “to each is given a manifestation of the Spirit... gifts of...”. At certain times and certain places, when we are serving Jesus, the Holy Spirit gives us gifts of grace to minister to people around us. Some gifts might feel natural — faith, wisdom, knowledge, etc. to counsel people. Some gifts might feel very different — prophecy, healing, tongues, distinguishing of spirits, etc. But all of them are supernatural because they are all empowered by a supernatural Holy Spirit.

Here is the other cool thing. Paul tells us to “*Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts...*” (1 Corinthians 14:1). This is actually a command. As we are pursuing loving other people (doing ministry), we are to be asking the Holy Spirit for his power and his gifts to do the ministry he has called us to. Nothing we do for Jesus is meant to be natural. It is all supposed to be powered by the Holy Spirit.

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart. What do you need to surrender?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you today. Don't be too fast to move onto the next thing, just hang out in his presence for a few minutes.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the gifts you need to do ministry for him.

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The Holy Spirit Power to Witness

Sunday, January 14, 2024

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses...” — Jesus (Acts 1:8)

There is a purpose to the power that Jesus gives us in his Holy Spirit — to be witnesses. The Holy Spirit wasn't meant to be a companion to better our self-esteem and make us feel good. Although he does minister to us, the Holy Spirit's complete work is to empower us to witness to the love and glory of Jesus.

That is why Jesus says we will receive “power... to be my witnesses.” That is why Paul says “pursue love” and “desire gifts.” The Holy Spirit walks us to the place where we can draw others to Jesus. He equips our lives to be more like Jesus so we can endure the tests of ministry. He empowers us with gifts so that ministry is fruitful. Here is another amazing thing Jesus says the Holy Spirit does,

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” — Jesus (John 14:26)

The Holy Spirit is there to help us remember the will and ways of Jesus when we witness to others. This is incredible! One of the biggest worries I hear people say when asked if they share Jesus with their friends is, “I'm afraid I won't have the right answers to all their questions.”

Jesus says, “I have the solution! The power of the Holy Spirit!” He is there to bring to your mind what needs to be said at the right time and place for you to witness to him. But it all begins with asking the Holy Spirit for his power!

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart. What do you need to surrender?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you today. Don't be too fast to move onto the next thing, just hang out in his presence for a few minutes.
- Who is someone in your life you can be a witness to? Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the power to share Jesus with this person.

GET EQUIPPED TODAY

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Holy Spirit Night with Pastor Jim, Sunday, January 14th from 6:30-8pm in the Worship Center

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Week Two

"and you will be my witnesses"
— Jesus

Our Calling

Monday, January 15, 2024

"and you WILL BE my witnesses"
— Jesus (Acts 1:8)

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" From a very young age, this is such a common question in our lives. As we get older, it takes different forms. "What is next?... I need to find myself... what is my purpose... what is my calling?"

Before returning to heaven, Jesus answers the primary question of calling for every single one of his followers. *"You WILL be my witnesses."* *That is it.* Whatever else we are supposed to do with our lives, we are first and foremost witnesses of the greatness of Jesus.

We will spend this week talking about what it means to be a witness for Jesus. Fundamentally, a witness is a worshipper. Pastor John Piper once wrote, "Missions exist because worship does not." If every man, woman, and child were worshipping Jesus in the way that he deserved, there would be no need to witness or do missions.

Why is a witness a worshipper? Simple. It's because a witness testifies to the glory of something. Think about it. You can Google your favorite restaurant, place to shop, movie, etc. and what will you find? You'll find reviews or testimonials. What are these? They are people who are testifying to the glory of the product. They are witnesses that declare the praises of that restaurant, place to shop, or movie. Their hope is to influence you towards enjoying what they have enjoyed.

That is our calling. To be worshipers who testify to the goodness of Jesus in hopes to influence those around us to enjoy the Jesus we enjoy. No matter what else you are called to do, it begins with worship and witness.

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you today. Don't be too fast to move onto the next thing, just hang out in his presence for a few minutes.
- Spend a little time in worship. What are you grateful to God for today? List them below:

- Who is someone in your life you can be a witness to? Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the power to share Jesus with this person.

My Witnesses

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

"and you will be MY witnesses"
— Jesus (Acts 1:8)

Jesus doesn't just say "you will witness." He says, "you will be MY witnesses." In other words, he is the content of our testimony. John writes something very interesting near the end of his Gospel. It is something that is echoed by the other followers of Jesus in the first century.

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. — John 20:30-31

John says that he wrote his book as a testimony so that you will believe in Jesus. You see, we don't witness to some religion, some spirituality, some higher morality, some ambiguous sense of God. We are Jesus' witnesses. We testify that he and he alone is the way, the truth, and the life; that the only way to enjoy life in God is through Jesus himself.

When Jesus says, "you will be MY witnesses," he is also saying that we belong to him. We are not private contractors hired to sell his message. We are part of his family, his people, deeply cared for by him. Jesus always ties a promise of his presence to our calling and mission.

In Jesus' Great Commission at the end of the Gospel of Matthew, he begins by saying... *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."*.

That is our calling. But he ends the commission with... *“behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* That is a promise of his presence. He is with us. We are his precious possession. He gives us the strength to do all that he has asked us to do as we live our lives with him.

When you are witnessing to the greatness of Jesus you will always be in the presence of Jesus. After all, that is how worship works. He inhabits the praises of his people. When we testify to his goodness, we invite his presence.

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you today. Don't be too fast to move onto the next thing, just hang out in his presence for a few minutes.
- Spend a little time in worship. What are you grateful to God for today? List them below:

- Do you feel close to Jesus today? If not, ask him to fill you with his Holy Spirit again.

Need Healing?

Come to the **Prayer for Healing Night with the Harvest Elders**, tonight, Tuesday, January 16th from 6-7pm in the Worship Center.

The Testimony & Responsibility of the Witness

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

"and you will be my WITNESSES"
— Jesus (Acts 1:8)

Sometimes witnessing about Jesus feels hard because we don't understand what it really means to be a witness. We hear a preacher or evangelist tell a story about standing in a checkout line at a grocery store, striking up a conversation with the cashier, and next thing you know the cashier is crying, and the preacher leads them to Jesus. You hear the story, you are inspired by the power of God, and at the same time say, "I can't witness like that!"... so you head to the self-checkout every time you go shopping.

While this is an example of witnessing, it is not really what witnessing is. Let me explain.

The idea of a witness is a legal term. In a court case, a witness is brought into the courtroom to testify as to the truth of what they have seen or heard. Their responsibility is simply to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. When the witness is finished, they step down and leave the courtroom. They do not render a conviction or sentence. That is the job of the judge and the jury.

To be a witness for Jesus is very much the same thing. God, by his sovereignty, brings you into the courtroom of life surrounded by friends, family and coworkers who do not know the truth of who he is. Your job is to testify of what you have seen and heard about Jesus in your life. To declare who he is; the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. It is not your job to render conviction.

Conviction is the mysterious work between the ministry of the Holy Spirit and the choice of the individual. Your job is simply to testify, "this is the Jesus I know and love."

In Acts 4, Peter and John are used by God to heal a man who could not walk. Word spreads of the power of Jesus and the religious authorities arrest Peter and John for breaking the religious law. The authorities commanded them not to speak of Jesus again. Their answers should be our answer when it comes to being a witness,

"We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard."
— Acts 4:20 (NLT)

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you today. Just hang out in his presence for a few minutes.
- Spend a little time in worship. What are you grateful to God for today? List them below:

- If you had the opportunity to share with someone about Jesus, what would you say?

The Character of the Witness

Thursday, January 18, 2024

"and you will be MY witnesses"
— Jesus (Acts 1:8)

One of my favorite shows of all time is the original Law & Order series. It follows the stories of NY City homicide detectives as they investigate a case, and then turn it over to the District Attorney to try the case. It was a fascinating dramatization of the challenges of prosecuting a crime.

When it came to the trial, there was a favorite tactic of the lawyers when they knew a witness had damaging testimony against their case — the character attack. If the truth from the witness' testimony would hurt their case, they would do everything they could to create doubt by attaching the motives of the witness, the reliability of the witness, or the expertise of the witness. If they could prove that the witness was out for revenge, their testimony was tainted; or if the witness had a history of lying, their story was untrue; or if the witness simply didn't know what they were talking about; the truth of their testimony would be damaged and a conviction more or less likely.

The same holds true for us. If we are true worshipers of Jesus, walking in our calling to share his goodness and joy to the world, the enemy will want to taint our character so our testimony is unreliable. The enemy wants us to look just like everyone else: unforgiving; petty; trusting in politics, finances, our own strength for peace; or just simply unreliable in sharing who Jesus is. Our character reinforces the power of our witness.

No, we don't have to be perfect. But we are called to imitate Jesus to those around us, even in the little things. Paul gives us one example,

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world... — Philippians 2:14-15

Paul says that something as simple as not complaining can reinforce the power of your testimony. Do you have the character to make your testimony reliable to those around you?

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart and character.
- Is there a sin that needs to be confessed? A place of pride you are holding onto? A place where you are unwilling to forgive someone? Confess those now.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare you as an empty vessel so that he can pour his power into you to make you a reliable witness.

The Audience of the Witness

Friday, January 19, 2024

"... you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." — Jesus (Acts 1:8)

*Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.
— Colossians 4:5-6*

In the courtroom, the witness's audience is the judge and jury. The judge ensures the law is followed. The jury renders a conviction. In our walk with Jesus, he is the judge. The one who ensures his character and salvation is instilled in our lives. The jury are the people in our lives who need to come to conviction — a conviction of the truth of Jesus.

In Acts, Jesus wants us to know that we are surrounded by the jury. They are in our city, they are in our country, they are all over the world. In Matthew 28, when Jesus says "Go into all the world and make disciples," the original language can be translated to say "make disciples as you are going." In other words, wherever you encounter people who do not know me, be my witness and make disciples there!

That is why Paul says in Colossians to "walk in wisdom toward outsiders." Everyone outside of the church is someone we are called to witness to, and we need wisdom in our interactions with them. Our speech should be full of grace; kind, loving, a sense of Jesus in it. It should be seasoned with salt; we are called to add flavor to the lives of others. We are called to know how to answer "each person." In other words, we develop relationships with people to get to know them so that we know how the message of Jesus will impact them as an individual. We love people where they are at in life instead of insisting they be exactly like us.

Have you thought about how your actions today can be a witness to someone? How you greet someone in your office. How you treat someone in traffic. How you tip someone at a meal. How you respond to a co-worker when you are frustrated. They are your audience, your jury, your opportunity to introduce someone to Jesus.

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you today. Just hang out in his presence for a few minutes.
- Who will you interact with today? What are some small ways you can be a witness of Jesus to them?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare you as an empty vessel so that he can pour his power into you to make you a reliable witness.

The Victory of the Witness

Saturday, January 20, 2024

"you will be my witnesses"

— Jesus (Acts 1:8)

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." — Jesus (John 10:10)

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. — Revelation 12:10-11

Why does Jesus want witnesses? It's because he is excited about the day of victory over the forces of evil.

Jesus came to give people abundant life instead of the darkness and death they live in. His sacrifice and resurrection secured that life for eternity. That is what we witness to. Jesus gives us abundant life now and in eternity.

The enemy — the Devil, accuser of the brothers — comes to steal, kill, and destroy that life in others. He does that by accusation and lies. The more lies people believe, the more they remain trapped in sin and death.

How does Jesus get the victory? The first way is by his work on the cross — "the blood of the Lamb" — that destroyed the power of the enemy. What is the second? His witnesses! Witnesses that spread out all over the globe to declare the goodness of Jesus and expose the lies of the enemy. The more witnesses, the more people who

believe, the more people who are set free, and the more the enemy is overcome!

Your story with Jesus is more than just an event that happened to you. It is the tool to destroy the power of the enemy over someone in your life. That is why Jesus calls you to witness about who he is. You can help secure the victory over sin and death in someone who needs Jesus.

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you today. Don't be too fast to move onto the next thing, just hang out in his presence for a few minutes.
- Who is someone in your life you can be a witness to? Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the power to share Jesus with this person.
- Have you ever written out your story (testimony) of coming to know Jesus? Why don't you write it out today. That way you are ready to share it when the time comes.

The Sacrifices of the Witness

Sunday, January 21, 2024

"you will be my witnesses"

— Jesus (Acts 1:8)

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

— Revelation 12:11

"And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

— Jesus (Matthew 10:38-39)

Where does revival, brokenness, surrender and witness all come together? It actually is in the word "witness" itself. Let's review what we have learned so far in our study.

First, revival begins with a life that is broken and completely surrendered to Jesus. A recognition that our life of "I" must bend into a life of "C" — Christ. Into this broken, surrendered vessel the Holy Spirit pours in his power. A power that builds the salvation and character of Christ. A power that also equips us to be witnesses to others. The testimony of our witness is used by Jesus to defeat the power and lies of the enemy so that more and more people come to enjoy and worship Jesus the way we worship and enjoy him.

Here is the rub. The enemy will war against our efforts to be Jesus' witnesses. At times, violently so. How violent? For the first church, it frequently ended in death. In fact, the word for "witness" in the New Testament is the Greek word "martyreo." It is where we get the word martyr from. Yes, "witness" and "martyr" were the same word in the time of Jesus. That is why Revelation said that they "overcame him by the word of their testimony" but "they loved not their lives even unto death."

That is the ultimate form of surrender. We, like our King Jesus, take up a cross and lay down our life so that others may know him. That is the invitation for revival — an empty, submitted cup for him to pour into. That is victory! Nothing, not even death itself, can stop us.

No. Most of us will not be asked to die for Jesus. But we are called to be a surrendered witness. Let's love Jesus more than our lives.

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you today. Don't be too fast to move onto the next thing, just hang out in his presence for a few minutes.
- Spend a little time in worship. What are you grateful to God for today? List them below:

- Do you feel close to Jesus today? If not, ask him to fill you with his Holy Spirit again.

*Be my
Witness*

Week Three

*“... you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem
and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the
end of the earth.”*

— Jesus

The Location of Our Calling

Monday, January 22, 2024

*"... in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the end of the earth."*

— Jesus (Acts 1:8)

We have seen that every follower of Jesus has a calling to be a witness of his salvation and goodness in our lives. These were Jesus' last words to his disciples, "be my witnesses." He then gives them a practical strategy. Be my witnesses here... Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, the ends of the earth.

What are these places? What was their significance to the disciples?

Jerusalem was their city. All the events of the death and resurrection of Jesus had taken place in Jerusalem. Following the resurrection, Jesus' appearances all took place near Jerusalem. Jerusalem was the religious hub of the Jewish people. Jesus wanted his disciples to start there. In Jerusalem. In their city. In Acts 2, we see that it was in Jerusalem, at the feast of Pentecost, that the Holy Spirit actually fell upon 120 followers. This outpouring created a one-day revival that saw 5,000 people get saved and the birth of the first church. The power came, and the disciples were his witnesses.

No matter what your final purpose in Jesus is, he ALWAYS asks for you to begin right where you are. The people around you are your calling. Paul says in Acts 17, that God created man and He decided exactly when and where they would live (Acts 17:26 : ERV). God picked where you should live so that you could be a witness in your city. Every person you interact with because of where you live is part of your calling in Jesus.

Judea and Samaria was their region or nation. The disciples weren't supposed to just be worried about their city; they were called to witness to other areas. Likewise, we are called to be witnesses to our region and nation in whatever way God chooses to open doors for us.

The ends of the earth was the world. The disciples were called to witness to Jesus across all cultures. Jesus is the hope of the world! The amazing thing is that by the time the disciple John, the last of Jesus' disciples to die (died around AD 95) the witness of Jesus had gone as far south as the southern reaches of Ethiopia, as far north as the furthest regions of Turkey, as far east as India and Iran, and as far west as Spain! And the witness of Jesus has continued to grow to this day!

This is the location of our calling. How will you get started?

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you today. Don't be too fast to move onto the next thing, just hang out in his presence for a few minutes.
- Spend a little time in worship. What are you grateful to God for today? List them below:

- Do you feel close to Jesus today? If not, ask him to fill you with his Holy Spirit again.

Who is in Your Jerusalem?

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

*“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...” —
Jesus (Acts 1:8)*

*God began by making one man, and from
him he made all the different people who live
everywhere in the world. He decided exactly
when and where they would live.
— Acts 17:26 (ERV)*

We saw yesterday that Jesus asks us to begin our calling to be witnesses right where we are, our city. We also saw that Paul told us that God appointed the place where we should live. Your address actually determines your mission field.

So... who is in your Jerusalem? Who are you called to witness to? Today, I want you to take a moment and examine your life to ask who is in your Jerusalem. For me a lot of it revolves around my kids' school and sports activities. It includes my kids' sports coaches, the orchestra teachers, classroom teachers, the administration of their schools, the parents of their teammates, people in the community boards and groups that my wife and I participate in. All of these are my Jerusalem. How about you?

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you today.
- Take a few moments to consider who is in your Jerusalem. Where do you interact with people who might not know Jesus? Who is there? List specific names of these people below:

- Spend some time praying for the people you listed above. Ask God for open doors to be a witness to them about Jesus.

Compel Them to Come

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...”

— Jesus (Acts 1:8)

“Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.’”

— Jesus (Luke 14:23 : NKJV)

In Luke 14, Jesus shares a very interesting parable. It is about a master who makes a luxurious feast. He then sends out invitations for his friends to come, but none of them could make it. Distraught at the idea of a giant feast and an empty room, he tells his servants to go out and bring people who are poor and needy, lame and blind. Some people came, but the room was still partially empty. That is when the master gives his final command, *“Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.”* He wanted a full house so people could enjoy his feast. He wanted people to come.

There is one difference between our role as a witness for Jesus and the role of a witness in a courtroom. The witness in the courtroom simply takes the stand, answers questions from the attorneys, and reports the truth of what they have seen and heard. Then they step down from the stand and leave the court room. Our witness for Jesus, by contrast, includes a compelling invitation to come and believe! Believe like we do. Come and enjoy the feast of Jesus.

Think about it for just a minute. I’ve had plenty of friends tell me about a great place to eat. They testify to the truth, they sing the praises of the meal, then they end the conversation with, “you should try it sometime.” It’s a good pitch, and sometimes I try it. On other occasions, I’ve had friends enjoy a restaurant so much they have invited my wife and me to join them there for a meal, or they give us a gift card to enjoy the restaurant ourselves. That is compelling. I almost always go!

Notice, one is a good witness. The other is a witness with a compelling offer. When it comes to Jesus, let's be the witness that makes the compelling offer. Each week, the house of Harvest is filled with a feast of the presence of the Holy Spirit in worship, the joy of genuine fellowship among his followers, the meat of the preaching of his Word, and a great "Welcome Home" invitation by our SERVE Teams. It is a great house to fill. When you witness to Jesus, take the extra step, and compel them to come and enjoy His feast! *"Compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."*

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you today. Don't be too fast to move onto the next thing, just hang out in his presence for a few minutes.
- Who is someone in your life you can be a witness to? Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the power to share Jesus with this person.
- Who is someone you can invite to Harvest this weekend? How will you invite them?

Praying for Our City

Thursday, January 25, 2024

“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...”
— Jesus (Acts 1:8)

The great thing about being a part of Jesus' big “C” church is that we don't have to be witnesses alone. We have the people in our Jerusalem; those people we are called to “compel to come.” But we also live in a Jerusalem; a city we are called to love on. In our city — the greater Goshen area — there are dozens of churches and Christian faith-based organizations that are part of the witness to Jesus.

Today, let's spend some time praying for a few of the local organizations that partner with Harvest to witness to our city.

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you today.
- Take a few moments to pray for the following partners and missions organizations by name. If you want to know more about them, please visit the Harvest website: www.hccgoshen.org.

Downtown Ministries Inc. — Harvest's non-profit ministry that is serving downtown Goshen through transitional housing, Jobs for Life, and other initiatives.

Parkside Elementary — K-4th grade public school in Goshen.

The Post Youth Center — serving teenagers in downtown Goshen.

RETA: Reason Enough to Act — Pregnancy and Family clinic and resource center.

The Salvation Army — serving those in need in the Goshen area.

- Who is someone in your life you can be a witness to? Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the power to share Jesus with this person.

Praying for Our Nation

Friday, January 26, 2024

“You will be my witnesses... in all Judea and Samaria...” — Jesus (Acts 1:8)

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ... For he is the servant of God... Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. — Paul (Romans 13:1, 4, 7)

Judea and Samaria, along with Jerusalem, made up the greater region where the disciples lived. It is similar to our county, state, and country. Jesus wants us to be witnesses beyond our local city, and into our state and country as well.

As citizens we are witnesses. That is why Paul encourages us to give “honor to whom honor is owed.” In other places, Paul tells the church that their leaders should be well thought of in the community. In other words, they are well respected and good representatives of Jesus to their neighbors, businesses, and governments. Those who follow Jesus should be the best citizens. And it all begins with praying for our leaders.

Today, let’s pray for our nation.

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you today.
- Let's pray for the following leaders in our nation:
 - Our Mayor, Town Council, and city/county leaders
 - Governor Eric Holcomb
 - Indiana Legislature
 - President Joe Biden
 - Our U.S. Congress and Supreme Court
- Let's pray for the upcoming election year:
 - A return to civility and honor in politics
 - A clear election process without violence or confusion
 - For leaders who represent righteousness, and that justice would prevail
- Who is someone in your life you can be a witness to? Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the power to share Jesus with this person.

Praying for the Nations

Saturday, January 27, 2024

“You will be my witnesses... to the end of the earth.” — Jesus (Acts 1:8)

The witness of Jesus is not meant to be just local or regional. It is meant for every language, ethnic group and nation. Missions exist because worship does not! We want the worship of Jesus to spread all over the globe.

Today, let's spend some time praying for Harvest's international and cross-cultural missions partners. Let's ask Jesus to make them and us better witnesses for him.

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you today.
- Take a few moments to pray for the following partners and missions organizations by name. If you want to know more about them, please visit the Harvest website: www.hccgoshen.org.
 - **Katrina** — serving Asia.
 - **Tanneken Fros** — serving Mozambique.
 - **The Gideons International** — printing and giving Bibles out regionally and all over the world.
 - **Christy Hepner** — serving through Globe International.
 - **Ken and Becky Holderman** — serving Central and South America.
 - **Ron and Carolyn Klaus** — serving Ethiopia.
 - **Don and Vickie Layman** — serving unreached peoples groups.
 - **MPM Orphanage** — serving orphans and adoptive families in Kenya.
 - **Del and Jeannie Penner** — serving Germany.
 - **Reggie and Ibelsa Stutzman** — serving New York City.
 - **Bob Tidd** — serving Cuba.
 - **World Missionary Press** — printing and sending free Scripture booklets all over the world.
- Who is someone in your life you can be a witness to? Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the power to share Jesus with this person.

Always a Witness

Sunday, January 28, 2024

It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

— Jesus (Acts 1:7-8)

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

— Colossians 4:5-6

As our time of prayer and fasting comes to a close, let me just give you one parting encouragement. Being a witness is not a phase or season in our life. Being a witness for Jesus is who we are — an ongoing, everyday calling. Likewise, our mission to be a witness is not a short-term focus, it is our life's focus.

Our year, 2024, will be filled with distractions. There will be many invitations made that will compete with your calling and your trust. When we are tempted to put our trust in other things, or lose our focus, let's remember our calling and mission, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Let's follow Paul's instructions to walk with wisdom towards outsiders. When they look at us, let them see a people who trust in someone bigger than politics, the economy, or our daily worries and trials. Let's let them see a person who isn't perfect, but who does respond in the unshakable faith of Jesus. Let's compel them to come and know Jesus above all else. Let's be His witnesses.

Guided Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you today.
- What are three takeaways from this study you want to keep with you in 2024? Write them below.

BE SURE TO ATTEND Encounter Nights
Sunday- Tuesday, January 28, 29 & 30th from 6:30-8pm
Three nights of prayer, worship, and inspirational messages featuring Stacey Gagnon, the Executive Director of RETA, and Pastor Maury Davis, from Nashville, Tennessee.

Encounter Nights

January 28, 29 & 30th 6:30-8pm

Worship, Prayer, Inspiration

Children's Ministry for Ages 0-5th Grade

Stacey Gagnon

Sunday, January 28th

Stacey firmly believes that the right to life extends beyond the womb. Seeing the need to lower infant mortality rates, build stronger brains at the point of conception, and improve the overall physical and mental health of Elkhart and Saint Joseph County children, Stacey is dedicated to RETA's mission. Stacey is a passionate advocate for children in the areas of special needs, adoption and foster care. She has a degree in education and spent seven years in the classroom. Stacey is also a licensed RN and has mostly worked in public health and pediatric mental health.

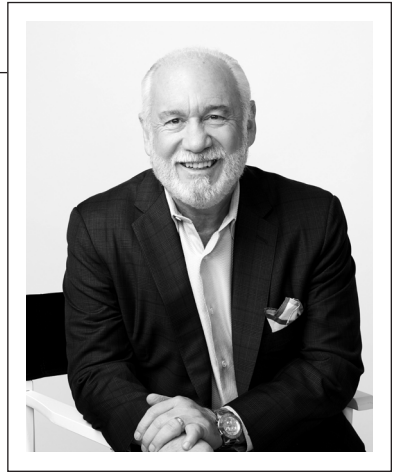


Stacey is the creator of Trauma Lens Care where she provides training on trauma, substance abuse, and ACEs in schools, jails, and public forums. Embodying her beliefs, Stacey and her husband, Darren, are the parents of seven children, five of whom are adopted. They have also fostered for over 12 years. Their critical work has resulted in the co-founding of Lost Sparrows, Inc., a 501(c)(3) with the goal of ending the flow of children into orphanages in Eastern Europe. Lost Sparrows provides education and training to social service officials, government administration, and caregivers working with children in orphanages and foster care. A blogger, children's book author, and international speaker, Stacey brings an informed voice to raise awareness, provide support for children in crisis, and train those in charge with their care.

Maury Davis

Monday, January 29th &
Tuesday, January 30th

Maury Davis, a specialist in church growth and leadership development, has served in high-level church leadership for almost thirty years. As a senior pastor, he preached a message of grace and favor to the thousands under his ministry every week. Known for vision-casting and creating an atmosphere of excellence, he built an international ministry at his church to partner around the world, building over 2,000 churches in Kenya and schools and orphanages in India, Thailand, and many other nations. He has taken seriously the call to reach the lost. Maury now has a heart for training and equipping the next generation of pastors to better lead their congregations and grow their churches.



Simple Fasting Guide

Purpose of Fasting

“Fasting is not the suppression of desire but the intense pursuit of it... Fasting confirms our utter dependence upon God by finding in him a source of sustenance beyond food.” — Sam Storms

The purpose of fasting is, in a practical sense, to replace something that we consider a daily necessity (food) or daily source of pleasure (hobby or activity) with an intense focus on God (prayer). It declares to ourselves and to God that He is the greatest pleasure, necessity, and source of life. Fasting is a physical way to declare, “we are dependent upon God alone, and God alone is our greatest desire.”

Simple Ways to Begin Fasting

If you do not fast regularly, we recommend you begin with one (or two) of the following for our 21 days of prayer and fasting:

- **24 hour Food Fast:** Begin by eating your normal evening meal at night. The next day, skip eating your breakfast and lunch meals and spend the time praying and seeking God. Then break the fast that evening with your evening meal again.
- **21-Day Long Fast of a Food or Drink:** Take three weeks and fast from a favorite food or drink as a sign of your dependency upon God. Example, no meat or no dessert for 21 days, or no coffee, etc. Then spend some extra time praying and seeking God.
- **21-Day Long Fast of a Hobby or Activity:** Pick a hobby or activity that takes time in your life, fast from it for these weeks and fill the time with prayer. For example, I am giving up social media for 21 days and will spend the time investing in praying by using the app, Pray First.

Note: We encourage all those who are healthy to consider a food fast for 24hrs. However, fasting for more than that is not recommended unless you have had experience fasting and/or medical clearance to do so. Also, those with certain blood sugar conditions should consult a physician before conducting a fast.

Guided Prayer Verses*

Prayer

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." — Luke 11:1

Lord, teach me to pray.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. — Philippians 4:6

I will be anxious for nothing.

In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths. — Proverbs 3:6

In all my ways, I will acknowledge You, and You will direct my path.

And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith. — Matthew 21:22

Whatever I ask for in prayer believing, I will receive.

Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. — John 16:24

I will ask in Jesus' name and in receiving, my joy will be made full.

You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. — James 4:2

I do not have because I do not ask.

And He told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

— Luke 18:1

I will always pray and not lose heart.

Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. — Mark 11:24

If I believe, I will have whatever I ask for in prayer.

Fully convinced that God was able to do what He had promised. — Romans 4:21

I am fully convinced that You are able to fulfill Your promises.

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. — James 1:6

I will ask in faith, without doubting.

Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

— Psalm 37:4 ***I will delight myself in the Lord, and He will give me the desires of my heart.***

Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. — Matthew 26:41

I will watch and pray, so that I do not enter into temptation.

You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart. — Jeremiah 29:13

I will seek You and find You when I search for You will all my heart.

If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. — John 14:14

If I ask anything in Your name, You will do it.

The Word

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

— John 1:1

God has revealed Himself through His Word from the very beginning.

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. — Hebrews 4:12

The Word is living and active.

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. — Hebrews 11:3

All of creation was formed by the Word of God.

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. — Psalm 119:11

I have hidden Your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. — Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth will pass away, but Your Word stands forever.

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. — John 6:63

Your words are spirit and life.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. — 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and instruction.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. — Psalm 119:105

By Your words I can see where I am going.

But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. — John 20:31

Through the Scriptures, I believe that Jesus is the Christ.

But the word of the Lord remains forever. And this word is the good news that was preached to you. — 1 Peter 1:25

The Word of the Lord endures forever.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

— Isaiah 55:10-11 ***The Word of God does not return empty; it will accomplish its purpose.***

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. — John 14:15

I love Jesus; therefore, I keep his commandments.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. — 2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.

Overcoming

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?
— Romans 8:31 **God loves me and is for me.**

But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." — Matthew 19:26 **With God all things are possible.**

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. — Philippians 4:13
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? — Psalm 27:1 **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. — Luke 10:19
I have authority to defeat the enemy and nothing will hurt me.

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.
— Romans 8:37 **I am more than a conqueror through Jesus Christ.**

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. — 1 John 4:4
He who is in me is greater than he who is in the world.

But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.
— Numbers 14:21 **I know that all the earth will be filled with God's glory.**

No weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their vindication from me, declares the Lord. — Isaiah 54:17
No weapon formed against me shall prosper.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
— Psalms 46:1-3 **The Lord is my refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. — Ephesians 6:10
I am strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.
— Proverbs 18:10 **The name of the Lord is a strong tower; in it I am safe.**

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. — Psalms 118:6-7
The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.

Marriage and Family

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. — Ephesians 5:31 ***I am united with my spouse and we are one.***

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. — Hebrews 13:4
Our marriage will be honorable and pure before God.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.
— Ephesians 5:25
As a husband, I will love my wife as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.

Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.
— Proverbs 31:28 ***As a husband, I will praise my wife.***

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. — 1 Peter 3:7
As a husband, I will give my wife honor and live with her in an understanding way.

She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. — Proverbs 31:12
As a wife, I will do my husband only good, never evil.

Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives. — 1 Peter 3:1
As a wife I will influence my husband by obeying God.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. — Exodus 20:12 ***I will honor my father and my mother.***

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
— Deuteronomy 6:7 ***Our family will learn the Word of God together.***

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. — Ephesians 6:4 ***I will not provoke my children.***

And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
— Joshua 24:15 ***As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.***

Faith

But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." — Matthew 19:26 ***With God all things are possible.***

For we walk by faith, not by sight. — 2 Corinthians 5:7 ***I walk by faith, not by sight.***

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. — Romans 10:17
Faith comes from hearing the Word.

As it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. — Romans 4:17 ***God calls all things into existence that do not exist.***

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
— Hebrews 11:1 ***Faith is the substance of hope, the evidence of things unseen.***

And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." — Mark 9:23
All things are possible for those who believe.

Which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.
— 2 Timothy 1:12 ***I am confident God will perform what He has promised.***

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.
— Hebrews 10:23 ***I will hold tightly to the confession of my faith.***

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. — 2 Corinthians 1:20
All the promises of God find their Yes in Him.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us. — Ephesians 3:20 ***God is able to do far more than I ask.***

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one. — Ephesians 6:16 ***In all circumstances I will take up the shield of faith.***

He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. — Romans 4:19 ***I will not weaken in faith despite my present circumstance.***

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that overcomes the world-- our faith. — 1 John 5:4
My faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

Stewardship

Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine. — Proverbs 3:9-10
My first financial priority is to honor the Lord.

O Lord, our God, as for all this abundance...it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to You. — 1 Chronicles 29:16
All money comes from God so all I have belongs to God.

But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth... — Deuteronomy 8:18a
The Lord gives me the ability to earn income.

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? — Luke 16:10-11
I will be a trustworthy and honest steward of finances.

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. — Luke 6:38.
I will give money as an act of worship.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgate of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” — Malachi 3:10.
I will give 10% of my total household income to the local church.

God has given gifts to each of you from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God’s generosity can flow through you. — 1 Peter 4:10.
God’s generosity will flow through me.

But store up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure, there your heart will be also. — Matthew 6:20-21
I will invest in the Kingdom of God.

God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in very good work. — 2 Corinthians 9:8
By His grace, God will provide all I need.

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellow man has fulfilled the law. — Romans 13:8
I will pay all my debts.

Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty. — Proverbs 21:5
I will live by a biblical budget and prosper.

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. — Colossians 3:23-24
I work for the Lord, so I will work with all my heart.

Worship

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your strength. — Deuteronomy 6:5
I will love the Lord my God with all my heart, soul, and strength.

We love because He first loved us. — 1 John 4:19 ***I love because He first loved me.***

You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve. — Matthew 4:10
I will worship the Lord my God and serve Him only.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
— Psalm 95:6 ***I will worship and bow down before the Lord, my Maker.***

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. All nations will come and worship You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed. — Revelation 15:4
I will fear You and glorify Your name, for You alone are holy.

God is Spirit and those that worship Him must worship Him in the Spirit and in truth.
— John 4:24 ***You are Spirit, and I will worship You in the Spirit and in truth.***

For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh. — Philippians 3:3
I will worship God in the Spirit and put no confidence in the flesh.

And the Levites, of the Kohathites and Korahites, stood up to praise the Lord the God of Israel with a very loud voice. — 2 Chronicles 20:19
I will stand up and praise the Lord God with a strong voice.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! — Psalm 103:1
I will bless the Lord.

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. — Psalm 47:1-2
I will clap my hands and shout a song of joy.

Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord! — Psalm 134:2
I will lift up my hands and bless the Lord.

And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them..." — Acts 4:24
I will lift my voice to the Sovereign Lord.

So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
— Philippians 2:10-11
Every knee should bow and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

The Holy Spirit

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth — John 4:24
God wants me to worship in the Spirit and in truth.

When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. — John 16:13 ***The Holy Spirit leads me into all truth.***

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. — Galatians 5:18
I am led by the Spirit and am no longer under the law.

And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high. — Luke 24:49
I am clothed with power from the Holy Spirit.

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I don't go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. — John 16:7
The Holy Spirit is my Comforter and Helper.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. — Acts 1:8
The Holy Spirit gives me power to witness.

And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness. And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. — Acts 4:29, 31
Being filled with the Holy Spirit gives me boldness.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. — Galatians 5:16-17
I will walk in the Spirit and not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. — Romans 8:26-27
The Holy Spirit intercedes for me according to God's will.

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. — John 14:26
The Holy Spirit teaches and reminds me of all things.

Healing

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

— Matthew 9:35 ***Jesus can heal every sickness and disease among us.***

Saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in His eyes, and give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer."

— Exodus 15:26 ***The Lord is the God who heals me.***

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases. — Psalm 103:3

God forgives all my iniquities and heals all my diseases.

He sent out His Word and healed them and delivered them from their destruction.

— Psalm 107:20 ***God sends His Word to heal me.***

And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. — James 5:15

The prayer of faith will save the sick and the Lord will raise them up.

But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. — Isaiah 53:5

By His stripes, we are healed.

That evening they brought to Him many who were oppressed by demons, and He cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illness and bore our diseases." — Matthew 8:16-17

Jesus took our infirmities and bore our sickness.

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. — 1 Peter 2:24

By His stripes I have been healed.

Again, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them. — Matthew 18:19-20

If two or more agree in prayer, it will be done.

A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. — Proverbs 17:22

My joyful heart will help like good medicine.

Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him, and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.

— Luke 4:40 ***He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.***

Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed Him, and He healed them all.

— Matthew 12:15 ***Great multitudes followed Jesus and He healed them all.***

And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." — Mark 9:23

I know that all things are possible to those who believe.

Speech

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:11 ***I will encourage others with my words.***

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.
— Proverbs 18:21 ***Life and death are in the power of my tongue.***

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. — Proverbs 15:1
A soft answer turns away wrath.

Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. — Ephesians 5:20 ***I will always give thanks to God for all things.***

Know this my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. — James 1:19 ***I will be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger.***

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. — Colossians 4:6 ***I will always let my speech be filled with grace.***

For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that hour what you ought to say. — Luke 12:12
The Holy Spirit will teach me what to say.

For whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit. — 1 Peter 3:10 ***My words influence my quality of life.***

To speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. — Titus 3:2 ***I will speak evil of no one.***

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. — Psalm 19:14
My words and my thoughts will be pleasing to the Lord.

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ. — Ephesians 4:15 ***I will speak the truth in love.***

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. — 1 Peter 3:9 ***I will bless rather than return an insult.***

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. — Ephesians 4:31 ***I will put away all evil speech.***

Identity

But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. — John 1:12 ***I am a child of God.***

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I call you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. — John 15:15 ***I am a friend of God.***

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the father in my name, He may give it to you. — John 15:16 ***I am called and chosen by God.***

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. — Romans 5:1 ***I have been justified.***

But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. — 1 Corinthians 6:17 ***I am one spirit with God.***

You are not your own, for you were bought with a price so glorify God in your body. — 1 Corinthians 6:20 ***I have been bought with a price. I belong to God.***

He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will. — Ephesians 1:5 ***I have been adopted by God.***

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. — Colossians 3:3 ***I am hidden in Christ.***

We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. — 1 John 5:18 ***I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.***

You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. — Matthew 5:13 ***I am the salt of the earth.***

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? — Romans 8:35 ***I cannot be separated from the love of God.***

For God gave us a Spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. — 2 Timothy 1:7 ***I do not have a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.***

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? — 1 Corinthians 3:16 ***I am God's temple and His Spirit dwells in me.***

Fear

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. — Isaiah 41:10

I am not afraid, because you are with me and you strengthen me.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your heart and your minds in Christ Jesus. — Philippians 4:6-7

I trust the Lord with all my heart and my ways are submitted to you.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. — Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

“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

Your plans for me are good and my future is filled with hope.

The Lord is my light and my salvation--whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life--of whom shall I be afraid? — Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation; I will fear no one.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

— 2 Timothy 1:7 ***I do not have a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.***

He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

— Deuteronomy 31:8 ***You are always with me and therefore, I am not afraid.***

And know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. — Romans 8:28

I know that in all things God is working things for good.

Peace I leave with you; it is my own peace that I gave you. I do not give it as the world does.

Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid. — John 14:27

I am not worried, because you gave me your peace.

There is no fear in love, the perfect love casts out fear. — 1 John 4:18

Your perfect love removes all fear.

Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. — 1 Peter 5:7

I give you all my anxiety because you care for me.



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