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# OF PRAYER STING JANUARY 5-25, 2026

# 2/DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

21 Days of Prayer & Fasting is when we intentionally seek God daily in prayer as we trust Him to move in powerful ways. Prayer can shift the atmosphere of our church and community while also aligning our minds and hearts with God. Additionally, we will participate in a season of fasting, where we abstain from fleshly needs and desires to humble ourselves for a spiritual purpose.

We invite you to pray in the Sanctuary on **January 5-25**. There will be an opportunity to pray on campus **Monday-Friday** from **6:00am to 4:00pm**. We will have weekly worship and prayer on Thursday nights at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. Also, this year we are calling a 3-day food fast, (if medically able) from 6:00pm on Thursday, January 8th to Sunday morning January IIth, where we will break it together as a church during The Lord's Supper. We believe this could be an earth-shaking, revival stirring, Jesus-centered shift for our church and community. We don't want you to miss it!

Week 1 - CALL A FAST IN RESPONSE TO THE CONDITION OF THE WORLD

Week 2 - CONSECRATE OUR HEARTS AT THE ALTAR

Week 3 - COMMIT OUR HANDS TO THE WORK



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### TJ MAULDIN

There have been moments throughout my spiritual journey with Jesus when I have felt at a loss, much like Nehemiah standing in the shadow of a rubble-filled, burning Jerusalem, wondering where the hand of the Lord was and how His people, himself included, had drifted so far and allowed such separation and degradation of what is holy and good.

I have stood looking at decisions, at family, at culture, at our church, and even at our country, with these thoughts spinning in my heart and mind. From time to time, I can still see shadows of what once was, where now only embers smolder: devotion, discipleship, revival, evangelism, personal obedience. You name it, and there is some area that once stood as a symbol of holy consecration that now sits in ruin, or at least on its way there.

In those moments, I find myself asking the same questions: What am I to do? Where am I to go? What am I to say? How do I offer wisdom, ignite passion, preach faithfully, and lead selflessly? How do I re-dig wells where water once flowed freely, but now, because of time, busyness, excuses, and everything in between, there are only trickles of life?

The answer in these moments has been much the same year after year: I fast.

I forgo the impulse for instant gratification at the table to cultivate discipline, a discipline that often translates into renewed passion. At the intersection of desire and discipline, I have found that fasting becomes the second leg of prayer when trying to run.

There have been many paramount moments in this race of ministry and life, and fasting, married to prayer, has had an indelible impact. Pivotal shifts in my dedication, intimacy, and service to the Lord were shaped by my willingness to call a fast, to say no to what is good so that I might lay hold of what is better, to decrease in a tangible way before the Lord so that His voice, His nearness, and His power might increase in my life.

This is not to say that fasting is a miracle pill that produces the ultimate believer. Nor is it an archaic practice meant to elevate us to higher levels of spiritual maturity by simply not eating. Fasting is a tool that helps us become small so that Christ can become big. It is a hammer that helps tear down false idols, loosen us from unseen addictions, and allow us to taste and see that the Lord is good.

Fasting has a way of decluttering our days and sharpening our focus—clearing space for God to do what only He can do. Fasting is biblical, practical, medically beneficial, and accessible.

So, faith family, that is why I am calling a fast.

I invite you to go without so that you gain more. I am asking you to temporarily suspend the intake of something and replace it with feasting on the goodness of God. Over these 2I days, I encourage you to offer something to the Lord. Put something down. Do without it. Replace that time, those moments, with prayer, Scripture, and wonder before God.

I am also inviting everyone who is able to forgo food for three days during these 21 days. Drink water. Listen. Allow the Lord to work in and through your fasting.

This isn't a flashy spiritual upgrade. This is simple, silent dedication. But I believe something holy happens when we meet God on the fasting floor. And I can't wait to see all that God rebuilds and brings to life as we say no to the good so that we can say yes to the better.

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 1



### **KENNY MILLER**



Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 7:3-11

Throughout Scripture, God's people are often called to fast. In I Samuel 7, the people of Israel had turned their hearts away from the Lord and fallen into idolatry. In many ways, we face the same danger today. We often direct our attention toward our struggles and our fears. Over time, this can lead us into spiritual compromise.

Hear the straightforward challenge Samuel gives to the people of Israel:

"And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, 'If you are returning to the LORD with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your heart to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." - I Samuel 7:3

The call is clear. God's people are called to repent and put aside idolatry. In the church, we often use the word repentance, but in simple terms, it means a change of direction, turning back to the Lord.

In verse 6, Israel responds: "And they fasted on that day and said there, 'We have sinned against the LORD." Through fasting, they acknowledged their sin and demonstrated genuine repentance. When Israel fasted, they were declaring through their actions that they desired God and needed Him more than their own strength.

A beautiful result of this fast is seen in Israel's response in verse 8: "And the people of Israel said to Samuel, 'Do not cease to cry out to the LORD our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines." They recognized their need for God and pleaded for prayer. Though they were fearful and under attack, they repented, turned back to the Lord, and He heard their cry. That day, "the LORD thundered with a mighty sound... and threw them into confusion, and they were defeated before Israel."

Fasting did not earn God's favor, but it positioned God's people to hear Him, trust Him, and rely on Him. Fasting stripped away distractions, exposed sin, and re-centered their hearts on the Lord.

The call to fast today is the same. It is a call to repentance, reliance, and renewed devotion. What might God do if we humbled ourselves, turned fully to Him, and fasted?

### MARCIA STAUB

"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." - Deuteronomy 31:8

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9

"...And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:20

It is well known among followers of Jesus that God's presence is always with us. We are living, breathing houses for the Holy Spirit. He is among us, with us, and empowering us to act and accomplish His will for our good and His glory on this earth.

Just because this is true or common knowledge doesn't necessarily mean we continually operate with an everyday awareness of God's presence. We immerse ourselves in the demands of this world. We are faced with family obligations, work deadlines, doomscrolling, workout commitments, errands, and a thousand other things that vie for our attention and time. In the midst of it all, we get distracted, distant, and disconnected from our source of life, hope, and joy. Creation distracts us from the Creator. And we unintentionally drift our minds and our hearts from the presence of God.

It is similar to being in a room with someone who is glued to their phone. We know that they are physically there. Their presence is in the room with us. But they seem so distant because their mind is distracted by the intriguing blue light that reflects in their hand. They may be "there," but they are not really there. That can be how it is with God. We know He is there, but He feels distant, not because of Him, but because of our distracted mind and heart.

There are tangible ways to draw believers back into fellowship with God. We can read our Bible, pray, journal, listen to, and engage in singing worship songs, surround ourselves with Godly friends and mentors who will point us to the cross, even when we feel far away. We also fast to refocus our perspective, shift our attention, and reroot our reliance on God.

Fasting is a spiritual discipline I struggle with deeply. I know it is in the Bible. I know it aligns theologically. I know it benefits me. But it is difficult to say no to something I love and include in my daily living, even if the aim is to deepen my walk with God. When I fast, I am reminded of my humanity and God's deity. It is a conscious way that I am reminded of God's presence and ultimately, my reliance on Him. If I am fasting from food, hungry, and my stomach growls, I can use that moment to acknowledge my weakness and limitations to reflect on God's strength, ultimate power, and my need for His presence. If I am fasting from technology, I can use the additional time in my day to spend in God's Word and prayer. Taking something away allows me to invest intentionally in my pursuit of God.

We do not fast to have God's presence with us. We fast to be reminded that God's presence is always with us, and that our reliance on Him is the foundation of our lives. As you have chosen to say yes to the call to fast, may you be reminded of the sovereign power and presence of God in your daily life.

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### JENN GRAJKO

In our lives, we experience many things we consider "good." I'm sure you can take a moment to think of several things in your life right now that you would consider good. Have you ever considered, though, what it might look like to step away from one of those "good" things or to reject one of those good opportunities and take a leap of faith to something God deems better? If you're like me, your answer is likely "yes, but that's scary to think about." I've lived in that fear, but I've also lived through the bigger blessing of saying yes to the better.

Throughout scripture, we're given real-life examples of people who have lived out turning away from the good for the better. A typical example of this is found in Luke 10, where Jesus visits Mary and Martha. Neither sister was wrong in their actions; one just simply chose the better option of being present with the Savior by sitting at His feet and not by being busy ensuring her house was ready for Him. She was distracted by the need to prepare her home for Jesus, instead of sitting with Him in the middle of the "mess" and letting Him speak through it. It's good to want to be prepared and ready for Jesus, but having the opportunity to sit alongside Him in His presence is undoubtedly the better option.

Moses lived this principle out, leaving the good for the better, when he left his life of royalty as the son of the Pharaoh's daughter to fulfill the calling God had for him to lead the Israelites. Also, we see this through Esther. She risked a good life living in a palace and being doted on by servants to approach the king to save her people because she knew that was what God was calling her to do. There are so many examples throughout scripture that it would take more than one devotion to cover them all. Hebrews II discusses several people who lived out their faith in action, and many of them said no to things in their lives that brought comfort, like home, or to things that would benefit them in the long run.

Saying no to the good really means saying no to what we're comfortable with. It means stepping out into the unknown or unfamiliar because God knows that's what will bring us closer to Him and grow us.

What are you facing today that is good, but you know you need to say no to? Is it staying in the comfort of your small group because it is known, when you know God is calling you to lead one? Is it leaving a job you love to step into the calling of ministry, or to stay home with your children and raise them?

Saying no to the good and yes to the better might not be the easiest option, and you will likely have things arise to deter you. But yes to the better is putting action to your faith and saying yes to God. Are you going to say yes to Him today?

"And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God." - Philippians 1:9-11





### SANDY TAYLOR

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, rather, in humility, value others above yourself." - Philippians 2:3

I have spent a lot of time thinking about what it means to be a humble disciple of the Lord. There are so many characteristics that the Lord has brought to mind, such as being gentle, submissive, self-controlled, putting others before ourselves, dependent, being willing to admit when we're wrong, and being willing to change a behavior to be more in line with our example of humility, Jesus Christ. There is another person who comes to mind when I think of humility, and to avoid embarrassing him, let's just say his name is John. I have watched with amazement as John has served not only unselfishly but also with joy; he loves unconditionally and will always point back to Christ in everything he does. He does not want attention, nor does he wait for someone to affirm him. I believe he is confident in his identity in Christ and does everything as if he is working for the Lord (Colossians 3:23).

I have jokingly called myself Flandy instead of Sandy (when I'm operating in the flesh). How often have I been reminded to "put on humility" (Colossians 3:12), which reminds me it is something I must do. It isn't natural for me to be humble; unfortunately, I allow pride and selfishness to creep into my heart. If I let them, they can cause heart damage and heart hardening, neither of which has a place in my heart if I want to serve the Lord and truly emulate Him.

If I don't put on humility in the morning, my day will be marked by chaos, distraction, snappy responses, and a feeling of discontent. It's almost like I switch names around and tell myself, "I can do all things through Sandy." I have struggled with perfectionism in my past until I came face to face with the impossibility of controlling my environment and other people, until the Lord showed me that it went completely against who He created me to be, a humble and obedient daughter of the King of Kings. When I keep that at the forefront, I can rely on Him and His power, strength, and ability to walk out this beautiful calling He has on me and each one of us, to love people right where they are without judgment, to praise Him and make Him known as the King above all.

I read a quote this morning that I love: "I need to regularly return to the quiet place where His voice is louder than the applause and kinder than criticism."

Oh, that we would humble ourselves before the Lord (2 Chronicles 7:14) and lay down any bit of pride, remembering our Savior who humbled Himself to come to this earth He created to save a sinner like each one of us.

**Prayer:** Father God, we, as your children, humble ourselves and pray, and as we seek Your face and turn from our wicked ways, that You would hear from heaven, forgive us, and heal our land, in Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

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### **LINLEY JOHNSON**

"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly, I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." - Matthew 6:16-18

There's something sacred about the things no one else sees, the quiet prayers whispered before anyone walks into the room, the moments when I pause outside the office door and ask God to fill the space, or the silent breath I take before inviting Him to lead the conversation. These moments aren't flashy. They're not meant to be. But somehow, they feel like the most intimate parts of my walk with the Lord.

Jesus' words in Matthew 6 remind me that:

"When you fast... do it in such a way that no one knows but your Father, who is unseen. And your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

There's a gentle honesty in those directions. It's not about pretending I'm not fasting, it's about choosing who I'm doing it for. Am I fasting for attention? For sympathy? For spiritual credit? Or am I fasting simply because I want more of God? I want God to infiltrate every part of my day, from the big things to the mundane and everything in between.

When I fast, I'm reminded that the real battle is often fought where no one is watching. The atmosphere shifts not because of my confidence or preparation, but because God meets me in those unseen places and strengthens what no one else can see. God isn't asking me to look weary or worn to prove my devotion. He's inviting me to walk through my day washed, prepared, steady, and confident because He sees what others don't. He sees the sacrifice. He sees the need. He sees the desire for more relationships with Him. And He promises that nothing done for Him in secret is ever wasted.

So today, as I pray over our offices, over the meetings on my calendar, and the people I'll connect with, I do it quietly, not to be noticed, but to stay aligned. Not to impress anyone, but to invite God into every corner. Because the unseen places are where He does His deepest work and where my heart learns to trust Him most.

**Prayer:** Lord, meet me in the unseen today, strengthen the quiet places of my spirit. As I fast and pray, even in the moments no one notices, let my heart be turned towards You. Fill my home, my workplace, my conversations, and my decisions with your presence. Reward what is done in secret by refining me into someone who looks more like You. Amen.







### **DANIEL GIBSON**

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." - Matthew 5:6

To be human is to know the pangs of hunger, the deep desire and longing for something that truly satisfies. To be human is to understand that the satisfactions we find are temporary; no matter how fulfilling or nourishing, the hunger always returns.

Within us is a longing for something that feeds not only the body but also the soul. This hunger reflects our awareness of our limitations, our yearning for something greater. It drives us to seek the only One who can satisfy our deepest longings. We long for connection with our Creator.

Psalm 42:1 "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God."

When I consider this verse, it's picturesque: a silver stream threading through a mountain wood, a buck bowing reverently, drawing deeply at the edge of the bank, light cascading from the surrounding branches like a Thomas Kinkade painting brought to life.

What I don't consider are the harsh realities of a deer living in the wilderness: years of hunger and sickness, countless miles spent running from wolves, driven to the brink of exhaustion and collapsing with nothing left, until nothing else matters but the hope and life that the stream provides.

How beautiful, then, is the stream?

Unfortunately, we are often content with the picturesque version of fulfillment, a gentle satisfaction of our hunger and need. We want others to see us gracefully dipping into the river of life, peaceful and serene. We want to be the Kinkade painting. The truth is that we are the deer, worn and gasping for any hope of life we can find. We are not inherently beautiful, but the stream is always beautiful to those who seek it. True beauty comes from the source, from the desperation, from a Savior who says, "I have come to give life, and to give it abundantly."

Your hunger will always be fulfilled by the source.

It's interesting to me that one of the signs of starvation is a loss of appetite. The closer someone comes to death, the less desire they have for the things that will bring them life. This is also true of our spirit. We lack hunger because we don't eat; we are not actively drawing from the source.

Devotion begins as discipline.

Suppose you are struggling with hunger, then fast. If you are struggling with the desire to read the word of God and pray to the person of God, then read and pray without the desire; I promise, it will come. Our God is always faithful.

James 4:8 - "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you."



As we launch into our second week of prayer and fasting, we will consider what it truly means to consecrate our hearts to the Lord. To consecrate something is to do far more than offer it for momentary service or fleeting use. In consecration, you surrender your heart to God, giving Him full ownership and offering yourself with no strings attached.

When I say heart, I mean the totality of who we are—the seat of our affections and the wellspring of our existence. This is recognizable in everyday language when we say things like, "I love you with all my heart," or "My heart is broken. "Scripture affirms this understanding when Solomon writes, 'Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life."

Biblically and philosophically, the heart is understood as the center of who we are. I would argue that the best way to keep our hearts, as Solomon suggests, is not merely to guard them, but to give them away to God and God alone.

Over the next seven days, you will be encouraged to consecrate your heart in prayer, in the Word, and in many other facets of Christian living. But for today, we are going to rest in and with prayer as our initial place of consecration.

If prayer is the place, then what does it take to consecrate our hearts on the altar of God's goodness, rendering our own wants, desires, and passions entirely under the direction and purpose of the Lord? Three things help begin the journey of consecration: time, trust, and total surrender.

### Time:

To pray in a way that truly surrenders our whole being to God takes time. We must set aside minutes, moments, and even entire seasons in a sacrificial way to honor God in prayer. It is impossible to claim that we have consecrated hearts while, in the same breath, insisting that we are too hurried or too distracted to connect with God in a meaningful way.

Time is the language of consecration. To consecrate our hearts in prayer looks like laying the whole of our lives before the Lord and allowing Him to use our time as His own. It is no longer our time; it is His. And when we make prayer a priority, it is incredible how the Lord helps us rightly prioritize our time with Him and our time in the world.

This reminds me of Daniel. Amid political unrest, God-defying decrees, and immense personal pressure, Daniel still made time to pray. "When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house, where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously" (Daniel 6:10). Daniel made time to offer himself to God in prayer, and we should be encouraged to do the same.

### Trust:

To consecrate our hearts in prayer means trusting that the plan of God, and His answers, or even His silence, is for our ultimate good and His ultimate glory. It means pressing forward with God even when we do not understand, when we do not like our current condition, or when we struggle with the ask God is placing before us.

As I considered Scripture that draws us into this aspect of consecration in prayer, I was drawn to point to Hannah as she consecrated Samuel with great trust, Moses as he consecrated the people while trusting God to love and lead them, and the early church as they trusted the Lord

when Paul and Barnabas were set apart. However, the most fitting moment that combines consecrated prayer with deep trust is found in Jesus' struggle in the garden.

"And going a little farther, he fell on his face and prayed, saying, 'My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39).

This is deep trust. I don't like the cup. I don't want the cup. Please pass me another one. Nevertheless, in prayer, I am committing to trust Your plan—even when it is not my preferred option. Faith family, it is impossible to consecrate your heart in prayer without fully trusting the plan, goodness, and perfect nature of God.

### **Total Surrender:**

If you have been around me or sat under my teaching for any amount of time, you know that Romans 12:1 is one of my all-time favorite verses. It is the most appropriate place to end this devotion and to launch our second week of prayer and fasting. Paul says it simply: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

So here it is, faith family: when it comes to prayer, we lay our hearts on the altar as a living sacrifice, and we leave the rest to God. We are not inactive; we are passionate. We are not passive; we are tenacious. We are not distracted; we are dedicated.

We give our lives in prayer, offering up this precious life—our thoughts, dreams, and desires—in this quiet place of consecration, choosing prayer as the pathway to precious consecration and God-centered surrender.





### **ASHLEY EVERETT**

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

"All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." - 1 Timothy 3:16

The beauty of God's word. Stillness. A place where we hear His voice.

In a world full of noise, opinions, and constant distraction, God's Word remains steady and clear. Being in the Word is not just a spiritual habit, but it's how we stay grounded. I am so thankful that God's Word will always be clear to us, and that no matter our circumstances, the Lord remains faithful to us.

When we spend time in the Word, God speaks. Sometimes He comforts us, sometimes He corrects us, and sometimes He simply reminds us that we are not alone. Thank you, Jesus, for always being our shield, our comforter, and always giving us the firm truth. What a beautiful picture for us as believers.

Being in the Word doesn't require perfection or long hours; it requires consistency and openness. If you're a parent, you know that there are very few moments of quiet. Constantly on the go with little kids, school, business, and sometimes, if I'm honest, I forget even to have that quiet time with God. I am with you on this: we just need to be available to the Lord. He knows that we're not perfect and yet He continually meets us with grace. I believe that God just wants us to be open and honest. He wants us to be consistent. Are we giving God all of us? Are our hands open and available to Him? I pray that you are reminded of God's love for you and that you yearn for His Word.

We're on day 9 of our 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting, and I encourage you to keep going. Keep praying and keep fasting. I pray that you receive the power of His faithfulness today. I pray that the word of God will speak boldly through you in this exact moment. Let His Word guide you every step of the way!

- Am I making space for God's Word in my life?
- Do I read scripture and expect God to speak?
- Are we honest with God and our moments with Him?

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, help me to have a hunger for Your Word. Help me to find time to read the Word and hear Your voice. Quiet every distraction around me and open my heart to receive Your truth. Teach me not only to read Your Word, but to live it out. When I feel weak, remind me that Your Word brings strength. When I feel uncertain, remind me that Your Word brings truth and peace. Thank you for the moments of quiet. Amen!

### **MATT HOWELL**

In Scripture, the altar is never just a place; it's a moment. It's where God meets His people, where surrender happens, and where hearts are re-aligned. If you think about it, altars were built after encounters with God, but not before them. They were responses to grace, not attempts to earn favor. And even now, though we no longer bring sacrifices of animals, the call remains the same: present yourselves to God. Consecration isn't about perfection. It's about directed devotion. To consecrate something is to set it apart for God's sovereign purpose. Romans 12:1 tells us to present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God, not because we are worthy, but because Christ already is. The altar is no longer a stone structure; it's our hearts laid open before a holy God. This act of surrender was never meant to be done alone. Throughout the story of God's people, consecration often happened in community. Israel gathered together. The early church devoted themselves together. Confession, repentance, worship, and obedience were consistent rhythms. God forms us individually, but He shapes us collectively. However, this intertwining comes with a tension. Surrender is deeply personal, yet God continually invites us to practice it in the presence of others. That's uncomfortable. Community exposes us. It reminds us we're not self-sufficient. But it's also where healing happens. Grace becomes visible. Faith becomes tangible.

Think about a campfire. One log by itself burns quickly and fades. But place it alongside others, and the fire grows hotter and lasts longer. The fire isn't diminished by proximity, but strengthened. That's what consecration looks like in community. When we bring our lives - our doubts, our sins, our hopes, our dreams - into the presence of God, He uses the community to refine us, not reject us. Isn't it amazing how God uses His people to influence His people? Even more, at the center of it, is Christ. Jesus is both the sacrifice and the altar. He is the one who was fully consecrated to the Father on our behalf. At the cross, He held nothing back. His obedience secured our forgiveness. His resurrection secured our future. So when we come to God, we don't come empty-handed. We come clothed in Christ's righteousness. That changes everything. Consecration is no longer driven by fear, but by gratitude. We don't lay our lives down to be loved; we lay them down because we are loved. And in community, we remind one another of that truth when we forget. So today, the invitation is simple: bring your heart to the altar again. And again. And again. Not alone. Not pretending. But together. Let Christ be the center. Let His gospel be the fuel. And trust that God is doing something holy, not just in you, but through you and among us. When biblical community is consecrated, God's presence becomes unmistakable, and the world takes notice. The best is yet to come.



### **DANIEL GIBSON**

In John 4, we are introduced to a Samaritan woman. She is racially impure, serially divorced and remarried, currently with a man who is not her husband, and ignorant of the truth of God. We get to witness as Jesus meets her at the well and has this beautiful conversation about the true nature of worship.

John 4:19-23 - "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem... Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks."

What is shocking is that we have just witnessed Nicodemus, who, in all of his orthodoxy, racial purity, and social acceptability, is ultimately rejected because he does not believe in Jesus. Yet now, Jesus sits across from this Samaritan woman, who carries so many disqualifications, and He tells her that He will give her the gift of God, making her a true worshiper. How can this be?

The point Jesus is making is that with His arrival, God's plan has replaced geographic necessity. God is no longer content to dwell within temples built by human hands, because He has never needed them. The outstanding work of Christ is that He is going to take God's Spirit and He is going to make human beings the dwelling place of God. He will take an unclean, sinful Samaritan woman and change her so entirely from the inside out. She will then become a temple in which God is pleased to dwell.

In Joel 2, it says, "Rend your hearts, and not your garments." Worship has never been about outward appearances or what others can see. True worship is the continual consecration of our hearts, shaping ourselves into a temple that is pleasing and suitable for the Living God to inhabit.

He is no longer content to dwell within our buildings or churches, confined to outward expressions, single styles of music, stained glass, haze machines, lights, guitars, or organs. He desires all of it because He desires all of us.

Worship has never been about what God needs, but about what we need: a renewed heart and spirit wholly consecrated to Him. It is a heart of complete surrender that allows the Holy Spirit to work through us, taking our filthy rags, making them holy and pleasing to the Father, and offering them up on our behalf in true worship. This is the work of Christ.

Give everything to Him, and He will make a true worshiper out of you.

### **BARRY COOK**

God does not invite us to enter into a friendship with Him. He calls us to set ourselves apart for a sacred purpose. He draws us to the altar, a tangible place, so that we can meet Him there and present ourselves for His service and His pleasure. Furthermore, God does not intend for us to make this trip grudgingly or tentatively. He expects us to bring joy into this relationship, no matter whether we are facing the best of times or the worst of times.

Have you ever noticed that our walk with the Lord seems sweeter when times are more challenging? Do you find that your prayer life is less energized when your circumstances are more positive? Why do we lean into God when we feel weak or overwhelmed with life and neglect to invest our time in praying prayers of thanksgiving and praise when times are good?

Consider the possibility that our relationship with the Lord might need fresh consideration. Have I made a conscious effort to be "set apart" and a fit vessel for God's use? All the time? Even when times are good, and I believe I can make it on my own?

God wants the hearts of His children to be set apart for His purposes. He wants us to come to the altar and present ourselves as living sacrifices (Romans 12:1). You know the problem with living sacrifices, right? They keep crawling off the altar. God wants us to serve Him not just with joy, but with evident joy. Joy, the deep, lasting gladness rooted in God and His promises, not temporary happiness from circumstances, is the mark of a consecrated believer. This believer doesn't crawl away when life brings either extreme hardship or extreme blessing. He doesn't falter because of either feelings of inadequacy or invincibility. His steady flow of joy keeps him rooted in Christ (Colossians 2:7) and unmoved by life's flow of things.

Nehemiah did not allow the extreme difficulty of his calling to steal his joy. He realized that the building project he had been called to was started by God, sustained by God, and was for God. The celebration following the completion of the wall was unlike anything the present witnesses had ever seen. Paul not only demonstrated joy in his many hardships but passionately compelled (and still compels) the recipients of his letters to do the same. John's later life was spent in exile on the island of Patmos, but his calling wasn't complete. Imagine the joy of writing the book of Revelation from a place intended to separate him from any opportunity to be a witness for Jesus.

Why should we consciously pursue joy in our consecration? Well, have you ever committed to a task that would require you to give an extra portion of yourself in service to God? It may be a mission trip or serving dinner at Celebrate Recovery. It might've been leading a small group, a Sunday School class, or leading worship. Whatever the case, did you leave that experience feeling like God blessed you more than those whom you thought you were there to bless? I believe that the surrender of self at the altar of consecration opens us up to receive blessings too numerous to count. When we place ourselves in the hand of God, expecting to be used on His terms and in His time, when we open ourselves up to things outside our comfort zone or our presumed talents and giftings, we can prepare to be amazed at the way God works to take the joy we bring and multiply it for the benefit of our further use in His story.

### **JAN MOORE**

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28-29

It's another Sunday morning. You get up, put on your Sunday face, your Sunday smile, your Sunday frame of mind, while inside you are hurting and suffering from so many things that weigh you down in this world. You may feel that no one cares or that no one even knows the pain you are feeling. God tells us in His Word to come to Him, bring our heavy burdens, and lay them down at his feet. He will give us the rest and restoration we need to go another day. So many people you encounter are suffering with things that others may never know, but God restores us. He will transform our hurts and failures into something beautiful that can help someone else.

When you are suffering, you may feel abandoned by God. You may wonder, "Why me?" I have encountered days recently when I questioned God. At times, I felt like my life was being turned upside down by uncertainties. Bill and I have faced health issues that have brought us to our knees, not knowing what tomorrow would hold. Through His grace, He has proven to us that our suffering does not define us. It defines who God is and how, by His mercies, He brings us into a closer relationship with Him. He can take what is broken in us and make it whole again. Our "brokenness" will be used more effectively to carry out His ministry when we are more dependent on His power and not our own. As quoted by Winnie the Pooh, "A broken crayon can still color." We can still be effective and worthwhile when we come to Him, rely on Him, and remember the future glory that He has promised. Romans 8:18 states: "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." Jesus suffered for us, more so than we can ever fathom. He did this so that we may be able to come to Him freely, lay our burdens down, and find rest in Him. We, then, will have the ability to say, "Why not me?"

I pray especially for you during this new year that you find peace in Him. I pray that your suffering will create a desire in you to go to Him and lay your burdens down at His feet. The difficulties we face may be hidden behind our Sunday mask, but our Heavenly Father knows our needs. He knows about the trials. He knows that we experience suffering that causes us to weep in the night. He sees and hears us even before we ask. He has promised, "He will never leave us nor forsake us!" (Hebrews 13:5-6) Let your burdens bring about a transformation in your life, and pray that in some way it will bring comfort and healing to someone else for His glory.



### **TULAH BISHOFF**

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." - Romans 15:13

In hope, we consecrate our hearts at the altar. Hope is a word that most people have heard their entire lives. Often, our hope is placed in feelings rather than rooted in the solid foundation of Christ. When our hope is placed in feelings, then it can be easily shaken or crushed when the circumstances don't come out in our favor. When the promotion is given to someone else, when the diagnosis is not favorable, or when things in life just don't go our way, the source of our hope matters. If our hope is misplaced, our world becomes full of despair, and we can feel hopeless. Where is your hope placed? Let hope rooted in Christ become the anchor that keeps you from drifting when circumstances shift.

When I was a newlywed, my mom received the dreaded cancer diagnosis. She was initially diagnosed with a slow-growing form, but that was not the case. By the time of her surgery, the cancer had grown from a tiny spot into a large mass, causing the doctor not to get clean margins. Over the next several years, she went through radiation and multiple chemo treatments. It was almost unbearable watching the woman who had cared for my siblings and me become the one being cared for. However, if you had seen her out and about or sitting in the church pew each Sunday, you would not have known just how sick she had become. The only sign that cancer was slowly eating away at her body was the delicate scarf she wore on her head when she didn't feel like wearing her wig and the bagginess of her clothes that had once been snug.

Her smile and friendliness were as genuine as her heart was pure. In fact, she encouraged those she encountered. Why? It was because her hope was grounded in the Word. She knew that her hope was never in the doctors or the latest medicine, but in her personal Savior who offers so much more than this present world. In hope, her heart was set apart for Christ and at peace with the path her life had taken. Every time we went to visit, Mom had her Bible lying across her lap or sitting nearby. My prayer today is that my life can set the same example of hope in Christ for others that my mom's life did for me. A few ways to ensure our hope is placed correctly are to dive into God's Word and spend time in prayer each day. As we continue to consecrate our hearts at the altar, let us do so in hope.

### **TJ MAULDIN**

We have called a fast, consecrated our hearts, and now we are tasked with the crescendo of the Christian faith while on this earth, obedience to the Great Commission. If there is one thing we must do, something we are called to regardless of vocation, status, or location, it is this: to be witnesses for Christ in a world desperate for truth and light.

Things are dark in the world and growing dimmer, and we need the light of the gospel emanating from every Christian in every place, shining on an empty cross and into an empty tomb. This means committing our hands to the work of evangelism, so that we are obedient and God is pleased with our labor.

I have so many thoughts whirling on this subject, but I will try to sift through a few of the most poignant ones as of late.

When I think of evangelism, I often think of the moment in Scripture when the master returns to see how his affairs have been managed. He is looking for servants who are working, faithful, attentive, and committed to his cause. Family, the cause of Jesus is clear: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel" (Mark 16:15), and "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).

It is abundantly clear that much of our doing for Christ should be telling, preaching, sharing, and witnessing to the goodness of God in Christ.

I am afraid that much of modern Christianity, if we can call it that at all, has been transformed into a strange, consumeristic religion where we are tempted to believe that it is about us: our desires, our preferences, our comforts, rather than about others, especially those not yet under the security of the blood-stained banner of Christ. We have been tricked into believing that the Master was not truly as urgent as He seemed, that maybe He meant for us to eat, drink, earn, and be merry while eventually getting around to evangelism. But this could not be further from the truth.

You were saved for the glory of the Father and for the work of the gospel. Among other things, you have been saved to share, to speak, and to teach the gospel, to articulate with your words the most excellent news that has ever reached the earth: this sweet gospel of the Kingdom.

When I consider the heart of the Master and the condition of the church, I want to draw your attention to three simple truths about evangelism.

First, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. According to recent Barna and Lifeway research, nearly 50% of non-Christian Gen Z respondents said they would be open to conversations about Jesus if someone simply approached them. I wonder and pray—who will start these conversations? Who will share the gospel? Who will take the call to evangelism and begin to work for Christ seriously? How many will be left willing to have a conversation about Jesus, but never get to because his followers are silent?

Second, evangelism is not optional for believers. This is the definitive mandate from our Lord as He was leaving this planet at the ascension. I often call this the ascension sermon, and I have always felt the weight of knowing that these were the last words Jesus spoke aloud to His faithful friends and followers before the ascension. I have already mentioned Acts 1:8, but it bears repeating: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my

witnesses..." Immediately after this, Jesus ascended, and the disciples were left standing there, staring into heaven. Thankfully, two men in white robes appeared and essentially said, "Why do you stand staring into heaven? He will come again the same way He left." In other words, it's time to work, fellas, stop waiting for something else.

We could "stand" every Sunday with good music and reverent preaching, awaiting His return, and still never fulfill His departing commission to go and tell. This is not optional, family. This is commanded, and we bear the privilege of making him known.

Lastly, I know this can feel daunting. Some may say, "Pastor TJ, I'm not good at talking," or "I don't know what to say," or "I don't know how to start a conversation about Jesus." To that I would ask—were you the best at your job on your first day? Probably not. You were a trainee. You had to learn, grow, step out of your comfort zone, and be stretched to meet the expectations placed before you.

Evangelism works the same way. Seek training. Discover resources. Ask other leaders or me, you know who actively share their faith, I promise you, they would love to help you. But above all else, just start. Share your story and how it intersects with the good news of Jesus. Tell how He changed your life, transformed you, and redirected the entire trajectory of your life.

Just begin. Start. Work. Do.

I promise you this: God can use your worst attempt at sharing the gospel far more than He can use your silence, and He will be far more pleased with your willingness to go and tell than with apathy that keeps you quiet.

The world needs daring men and women, boys and girls, who will begin to tell of all the great things that God has done and how he demonstrated his love through the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Will you be among those who take the commands of Jesus seriously? Will you be found faithful, with callused hands, working to make the gospel known? Will you commit your life to the work of evangelism?



**KENNY MILLER** 

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:18–20

I write this with First Baptist Church of Tifton in mind, but it applies to congregations everywhere: **intentional discipleship never happens by accident**. It only occurs when followers of Jesus take seriously the call to live out the Great Commission.

Think about a simple jar of peanut butter, Peter Pan Creamy Honey Roast, of course. There's really no comparison! I love grabbing a spoon late at night and enjoying a scoop of that peanut-buttery goodness. But when I do, I never stop to consider the long process that brought that jar to my pantry. A field had to be prepared. Seeds had to be planted. The plants needed watering. Weeds had to be pulled. Harvesting had to take place. Those peanuts were roasted, crushed, processed, packaged, shipped, and placed on a shelf—all before I ever opened the lid.

But that's the American way, isn't it? We're used to receiving finished products. We buy what we want, ready-made, and often pay others to handle the labor. Laundry, lawn care, groceries, you name it, we prefer things pre-packaged and convenient.

Unfortunately, many churches slip into thinking discipleship works the same way.

Our congregations are filled with spiritual infants (uninformed, lacking knowledge) and spiritual children (self-focused) who desperately need someone to help them grow. And here's the truth: they will not mature on their own. Just attending worship, claiming faith, or being around church activities is not enough. Anyone you see who is spiritually mature can point to someone who invested in them, taught them, modeled faith for them, and walked with them through the highs and lows. Growth always requires intentionality.

When believers commit to making disciples, everything changes. People begin to prioritize worship. They discover the value of biblical community. They understand the call to give, serve, and live on mission. Just like that jar of peanut butter, there is a process — a process that takes time, effort, and sacrifice.

And yes, it will be messy. It will be tiring. It will require something of us. But it will absolutely be worth it.

So let's be a church that chooses intentionality. Let's step into the messiness of people's lives. Let's work hard for the good of the gospel. After all, this is our mission and our vision: **to be a church that multiplies disciples.** 

Consider these scriptures for your time in the Word:

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:10; Colossians 1:28; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 3:17

### **ANSLEY GRINER**

There is nothing quite like descending into God's awe-inspiring underwater world. Each time I scuba dive, I'm reminded of how intentional and creative our Creator is. I've been blessed to explore some incredible places: swimming with whale sharks in the Galápagos Islands, swimming through underwater caves in Cuba's Queen's Gardens, and catching lobster (my favorite) yearly in Key West. There's a deep sense of peace in the weightlessness of scuba diving, and simply experiencing the quiet stillness below the waves, surrounded by a small, unique community of a few of the I% of people worldwide who dive.

While the ocean may seem frightening to many, divers experience something different: a shared sense of community with one another and with the sea life teeming around us. Some creatures approach us with curiosity, others move calmly as if our presence is regular, and some even follow along for the adventure, including sharks! In the ocean, everything is connected. Sea life survives through community: schooling fish, orca pods, cleaner shrimp with their partners, and coral reefs supporting thousands of species. Each depends on another for food, shelter, protection, cleaning, and raising young.

God created us with that very same need for community.

Like a single body with many parts (Romans 12:4-5, I Corinthians 12:12-27), each member is vital, and we need each other for support, function, and growth.

Jesus is always our source of victorious living. But He never intended for us to live out our faith alone. Every part of Christ's body matters. I can't say, "I don't need you." You can't say, "You don't need me." God has knit us together, and the glue that holds us is love. Too many believers try to live as victorious loners, but it simply doesn't work. Our faith thrives when we encourage, support, challenge, pray for, and walk alongside one another. As the body of Christ, our strength is shared strength, just like life in the ocean. Jacques Yves Cousteau said it beautifully: "We are all in the same hoat."

I pray that we will see our spiritual community the same way: interconnected, essential, and created to flourish together.

**Prayer:** Loving Father, thank You for creating us to walk through life together. Help me flourish in meaningful relationships where faith and everyday moments are shared with others. Give me the strength to be a steady source of encouragement, honesty, and love, reflecting Jesus to those around me. Teach me to carry burdens with others and to rejoice with them in their victories. Amen.



### **JOSE LOPEZ**

Good morning or good afternoon! How are you feeling today? Are you ready for today's devotional? Fantastic!

Today, we're going to meditate on this biblical truth: God is with us in the missionary work.

Do you know the Great Commission by memory? If you don't yet, today is a great day to start. The Great Commission appears in two New Testament books: Matthew 28:18–20 and Mark 16:15–16. I recommend writing these passages on a card and placing it on your mirror or carrying it with you so you can memorize them.

I want us to do a little exercise. Imagine Jesus telling us the Great Commission with these words.

Listen: "Let's go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Let's make disciples of all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Let's teach them to obey all the things I have commanded you. And remember this: I AM ALWAYS WITH YOU, every day, until the end."

What is the point of this exercise? I want you to remember this truth: The missionary work Jesus has given us is meant to be done with Him.

When Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel," or "Go and make disciples," He was also saying: "but go with Me."

When we share the gospel with someone or take the time to disciple them, Jesus is present in that work, and He operates through us.

The apostle Paul said it this way: "We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." (2 Cor 5:20)

What does Jesus want us to remember about the Great Commission? He wants you to know that He is with us as we preach and make disciples. This work is done with His presence and His power. Jesus told His disciples: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you" (Acts 1:8).

Let me share something personal: I am, by nature, a shy person. I confess that speaking in front of people makes me nervous—and even more when I have to do it in English.

But God, through His power, has given me the boldness and ability to preach in both Spanish and English. He has given me the ability to interpret simultaneously when evangelizing or discipling. This shows me that He has been with me, and I have been with Him, doing His work.

Jesus has called you to His mission. The Great Commission is your assignment. He is with you—and you are with Him. Together, you and Jesus take part in God's work of changing the world.

- What excuse or personal fear (like shyness) has kept me from sharing the gospel or discipling someone?
- If Jesus were literally standing with me right now, how would that change my attitude or boldness when talking about Him?
- Am I living out the Great Commission as my personal responsibility, and not just as a task for "pastors" or "professional missionaries"?
- In what ways have I experienced His power and presence giving me abilities I don't naturally have, such as boldness to preach or translate?







### **CHRIS GRAJKO**

As we continue through our week focused on committing our hands to the work, I want to remind you of what Jesus said in Matthew 20:28, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others..." Today, as you may or may not have guessed from that verse, we are going to focus on service. There are many directions we could go with this topic, but I specifically want to focus on service in the local church. If we look at the early churches in the New Testament, we can clearly see several examples of believers in those faith bodies serving the good of the church and their communities. In Acts 6, we see a group of men specifically chosen to serve by caring for and providing food for the widows in their community. Paul specifically talks about the gifts Christ gave the church to build and equip God's people so that they may increase their knowledge and faith in Ephesians 4. Peter also reminds us that God gives many spiritual gifts for the purpose of serving others and the church. As Christians, we are called to be imitators of Christ. So if we go back to Matthew 20:28, where Jesus says He came to serve, that applies to us as well. Long before I ever had a calling into full-time ministry, I loved serving in my local church. When I was eight years old, I had the opportunity to start learning and serving in the sound booth at my home church. Looking back, I don't think many churches would allow an eight-year-old to be around thousands of dollars' worth of equipment, but I'm grateful mine did! That time of serving eventually revealed to me the calling God had on my life in the area where I was already serving Him. I'm not saying you need to serve so that God can call you into full-time ministry (although He could!).

My point is that God has given each of us special talents and gifts to serve Him and the church. It could be anything like a love for media, music, kids, youth, older adults, or even construction. The list could go on and on. Romans 12:6-8 says, "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness". I Corinthians goes on to talk about that we are one body made up of many members, each one necessary for the whole of the body. We all have different strengths, personalities, abilities, and passions. What has God put in your heart that really drives you? If you aren't already serving in some capacity, now is the time to start. Our church needs what God has placed in you!

Week 3: Service



### MICHELLE HAMMOND

When I think about advocacy, I don't just think about speaking up for others. I think about the countless times someone spoke up for me when I couldn't. In my journey of long-term recovery, there were seasons when shame, guilt, and brokenness silenced me. I didn't believe I had a voice worth hearing. But God placed advocates in my life, mentors, friends, and fellow believers, who stood in the gap, prayed for me, and reminded me of my worth in Christ.

Scripture calls us to do the same. Proverbs 31:8–9 says: "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." In Celebrate Recovery, I've learned that advocacy isn't just about public causes; it's about everyday moments where we choose to defend dignity, offer encouragement, and remind someone that they are not alone.

I hold tightly to the truth in I John 2:I: "But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One." Jesus is my ultimate Advocate. When I was at my lowest, He didn't turn away. He stood before the Father on my behalf, declaring me forgiven and redeemed. That reality changed everything. Knowing Christ advocates for me gives me the courage to advocate for others, especially those still struggling in silence.

Celebrate Recovery has taught me that advocacy often looks like listening without judgment, sharing my story honestly, and walking alongside someone who feels hopeless. It's not about fixing people; it's about pointing them to the One who can heal. Just as Moses stood before Pharaoh for the Israelites, and Esther risked her life for her people, I'm called to stand up for those who feel trapped, forgotten, or powerless.

Micah 6:8 reminds me of the posture I need: "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Advocacy in recovery isn't about pride or proving strength; it's about humility. I know what it feels like to be broken, so I can extend mercy to others who are still in the fight.

Today, I ask myself: Who around me needs an advocate? Is there someone in our Celebrate Recovery group, church, or family who feels unheard? God has given me a voice, not just for myself, but to lift others. Advocacy begins with prayer, but it doesn't end there. It moves into action, speaking truth, offering support, and standing firm in love.

Because Jesus is our Advocate, we can be advocates too. My recovery isn't just about my healing; it's about becoming a vessel of hope for others. May we all stand in the gap, reflecting Christ's love in a world desperate for justice and mercy.

Week 3: Advocacy

### **MARK MYERS**

"O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch." - Psalm 5:3

How do you plan your day?

Some morning exercise, a peek at the news or Sports Center, choose your outfit for the day, grab a shower and some breakfast, and out the door, not to be late for the first of many opportunities in your day?

WAIT?! Where did you put your spiritual prep for the day, and are you prepared daily for the gospel life?

- Do you know who you will see today? Pray for them!
- Do you have an appointment or meetings scheduled? These also need prayers.
- Do you have a plan to make every interaction today matter for the Gospel? How?
  - Be Intentional Start your day before your feet hit the floor. A simple good morning, Lord, and a thought about your day is a great start!
  - 2. Use a Tool Tools you need:
    - A Bible Strategically placed nightly. This will remind you and hold you accountable to read, hold, and hear from God daily!
    - Prayer Speak praise, adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication! (Tell Him you love Him, confess a sin, thank Jesus for something, and pray for another person.)
    - Evangelism Memorize and keep a tool you know how to use! I use the
      power fist because it never leaves me, 3 Circles, or Roman Road. All are
      available and accessible.
    - 4. Grace, peace, and forgiveness Have ready to share daily.
  - 3. Rely on the Holy Spirit your intentional connection daily helps you live it!
  - Remember that every person is an opportunity to show the gospel life. We show and grow in who we know (Jesus), so we can go and show those who don't know.

With proper planning, a ready tool, and a sensitive Spirit, this could be the year we all intentionally live the gospel life daily. It is now up to you to: Find accountability and learn to journal your progress. At the end of this year, you will see the amazing things God will do in and through YOU! Get Ready and start NOW!



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