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#### **ASK YOURSELF**

- What is one area of my life that probably gets too much of my focus, attention, or energy?
- What is one area in my relationship with Jesus that would benefit from more of my focus, attention, or energy?

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Give up something hard: food, unhealthy food, caffeine, video games, screen time, scrolling, or anything you love. Decide what you're giving up and how long you will go without it.
- Set aside a time and place every day where you spend extra time with Jesus in worship and prayer.
- Decide what you need God to do in your life and ask for it.
- Every time you notice how much you want what you've given up, stop and pray for that thing you need from God.

#### EXAMPLE

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# **MY COMMITMENT** I AM FASTING when: I WILL BE PRAYING where: when:

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