

21 Days of Prayer and Fasting Recap

Week 1: THE CALL AND FOUNDATION OF DISCIPLESHIP

Day 1: Responding to the Call- Matthew 4:19- Pastor Jeff Rouse

MAKE FISHERS OF MEN= God has called us to reach all men and bring them to him! We should pray for hardened hearts of men, we should line our lives up with that of Christ so that we can testify and share our testimonies, we should be ourselves so we can reach those who are called to come to Christ through us!

Day 2: Identity in Christ- 2 Corinthians 5:17- Elder Magee

IS YOUR PRACTICE LIVING UP TO YOUR POSITION IN CHRIST?=In Christ we have a completely new Identity. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, we see this to show the position in Christ, but should be aware that we still have to work out that in daily practices. We have to bring our thoughts into subjection of Christ, so that our walk, talk, dress, demeanor, etc exemplify Christ. We are called to be set apart. We should BE , not just called children of God.

Day 3: True Repentance- Acts 3:19- Minister Terry Weems

ABC's to REPENTANCE= Fasting without repentance is meaningless. Ask God to reveal any hidden sins that would cause separation. A] Acknowledge God and any sin, before him. B] Beg/Ask God for forgiveness and Mercy. C] Change your ways, turn from sin and to God. Psalm 51 is a great example of True Repentance to study.

Day 4: The Cost of Following Jesus- Luke 14:33- Darrion Henderson

DONT FOLD= We must not only count the cost but be truthful to others about the cost. Suffering, persecution, familial relationship, etc. are examples of things that could be the cost to following Christ. We must have endurance to finish the race! We must not fold when it comes to truly living for Christ! Those who ““don't fold” are blessed. James 5:11

Day 5: Faith that Moves Mountains-Matthew 17:20- Minister Bryant Lavender

PRESS PLAY= Sometimes we have to look back on all God has done in our lives to increase our faith in our current state!!! God has not once let us down and he will not start now. That in and of itself should build our faith to keep moving forward!

Day 6: Abiding in Christ- John 15:5

ABIDE IN CHRIST-HE is the source and without HIM, we are not able to do anything effectively! We need to stay in HIM in EVERYTHING we do!

Day 7: The Call to Holiness- 1 Peter 1:15-16

BE HOLY FOR HE IS HOLY= To be Holy is to be set apart! God has called us to be set apart from the world! We shouldn't act, look, talk or walk like the world. We should stand apart as the light of Christ.

WEEK 2: DEVELOPING THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST

Day 8: Humility and Servanthood- Phillipians 2:5-7- Minister Ieshia McArthur

YOUR FRUIT IS FOR OTHERS= Serving is truly a labor of love! It's not for notice, aesthetic, or show! If you serve impurely, you are sowing bad seed, and you will reap! Service to the Lord should not be blessing based, it should be to HIM simply for HIM!

Day 9: The Heart of Compassion- Matthew 9:36- Minister Jessica Crockett

TRUE COMPASSION CALLS FOR ACTION= Jesus looked on the crowd and had compassion. He moved without question. Yes, this cost him time, sleep, resources, and effort but because his heart was a heart of compassion, there was no question if, it was only how to move on the peoples sufferings and misfortunes. If we do not have this, there may be a heart block. These could vary from prejudices, fear, poverty or scarcity mindsets, mismanagement of resources, pride, or even victim mentality. It's time to assess the block so we can move with compassion as Jesus did.

Day 10: Developing Patience- James 1:2-4- Elder Charlotte Taylor

GROW UP= Patience is the ability to accept and maintain a positive outlook despite the circumstances. We will be put through tests and trials, but we must endure. Endurance is good for us because it will cause us to grow and evolve. Babies have to be developed over time but they don't just stop growing... How long do you want to be a babe in Christ? It's time for us to GROW UP! Cultivate patience with people and the promises of God. Endure the Test!

Day 11: Generosity and Sacrifice- 2 Corinthians 9:7- Elder Yafrica Edwards

ITS A HEART MATTER=The way you sow is the Way you receive! Check your heart because that is where the treasure lies. If it has to be forced or coerced, is it really generosity? God responds to generosity and gives seed to the sower!! It takes action to sow. It takes being close to Christ to sow correctly. The result of generosity, glorifies God, helps to witness, and causes others to pray on your behalf. Check your heart posture to make sure you aren't walking in an unsundered life, walking with a skewed view of generosity or walking in an undisciplined lifestyle.

Day 12: Walking in Integrity - proverbs 10:9- Minister Evan King

WHEN YOUR HEART, MIND, MOUTH, AND ACTIONS ARE IN ALIGNMENT WITH GOD AND HIS STANDARDS.. THAT IS WHEN YOU ARE WALKING IN INTEGRITY=1st we are to be in alignment with God. This too is a matter of the heart. We should seek God passionately and desperately. Out of this seek and time, behavior will change and align with that of Gods will. Aligning with

God's standards causes us to Fail forward, Be Honest, and Live with Eternity in mind. Your integrity doesn't effect just you, it is also a heart issue, in which things flow from. Check sin, sickness, secrets, and deception in your heart, to encourage a walk of integrity.

Day 13: Forgiving Others- Colossians 3:13- Minister Connie Obillo

LET IT GO=Joseph is a great example of someone who walked in true forgiveness. It takes strength from God to forgive. Forgiveness is when a person doesn't require payment for wrongs committed against them. People are watching us, to see what our responses of forgiveness or lack thereof. Unforgiveness can change us and leave us unrecognizable! It's time to allow God to untangle the rope, so the connection can flow freely. LET IT GO!!!

Day 14: Cultivating a Lifestyle of Prayer- Luke 11:1- Minister Jaime Norwood

3 PROVISION THROUGH PRAYER= Prayer should be a daily part of life, It should build intimacy, and it should be seen as an investment. When we are in prayer, we gain the provisions of guidance and instruction, purpose and power as seen in mark 1:38-39. Prayer is not just an ask all or an only in trouble call line. Prayer is meant to create and sustain a relationship with God. Prayer is the activator!!

WEEK 3: LIVING OUT THE MISSION OF A DISCIPLE

DAY 15: The Great Commandment - Matthew 22:39- Starr Magee

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR= Everyone is your neighbor. Your siblings, your spouse, your children, strangers and even enemies. God has called us to show HIS love to them all!!! We should show the Love of Christ in all that we do. We can not say we love God if we hate our brother/neighbor, because to know God is to know love, and to know love is to act out of love.

Day 16: Sharing the Gospel-Mark 16:15- Minister Jaime Norwood

I AM A PLANT= In order for us to share the Gospel, we need to understand the Good News. The Good news is the finished work of Jesus Christ. Romans provides us with a guide on how to share the gospel to others. Romans road to Salvation {Romans 3:23, 6:23a, 5:8, 6:23 b, 10:9} Take the time to read these scriptures and write out this quick gospel sharing guide and memorize it to share with the lost. God has planted us in neighborhoods, jobs, families, to share the gospel to them! Use tips like sharing your testimony, building meaningful relationships, being authentic, and praying for opportunities to get the good news out! Release fear, stand in boldness, and proclaim the Good news!

Day 17: Making Disciples- Matthew 28:19-20- Minister Neloise Peyton

TO MAKE DISCIPLES YOU HAVE TO BE A DISCIPLE= Are you checking yourself against the Word of God? Do you display the fruit? Are we gentle, kind, loving? Are we teaching as Jesus taught? Are we trying to duplicate self and not Christ? Are we growing in the Word? Are we trusting in God no matter the circumstances? Are we living like Christ, and following Christ

before trying to get others to live and follow? Make sure you know what the Word says about Christ, Follow him First, then make disciples who follow Him as well.

Day 18: Empowered by Holy Spirit- Acts 1:8- Minister Ieshia McArthur

IF YOU OPEN YOUR MOUTH, HE WILL FILL IT=God has called us to be in covenant with HIM! Our prayer is for God to make us covenant keepers to HIM! We must deny ourselves so we don't become idolaters or faithless. Keep covenant with Holy Spirit!

Day 19: Unity in the Body of Christ- Ephesians 4:3- Minister Neloise Peyton

UNITY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST SHOULD BE A REFLECTION OF GOD: To be Unified in the body of Christ is to have One Mind and One Spirit. In order to do that we have to have the mind of Christ and have to be carriers of him. Are you just carrying the name of Christ and not his personhood? We should reflect the changed and new creature Christ makes us into, before we can actually unify with the body. It takes whole individuals to make up a whole unit. Things will try to hinder the body from unity, such as, deception, pride, chaos creators, offense, unforgiveness, lust, jealousy, mistrust, ageism, and intellectual elitism.. But through the grace of God we are privy to such attacks from the enemy, and can pray before they beset us. It's time to be unified because there is great work to accomplish.

Day 20: Serving with Spiritual Gifts- 1 Peter 4:10- Elder Yafrica Edwards

DIFFERENT GIFTS, BUT ONE SPIRIT: Through dwelling of Holy Spirit we have access to the spiritual gifts of God. He gives them to us based on what is going to fit his plan and His Glory. The gifts are not for us personally, but rather to point others back to Christ. If it be helps, hospitality, leadership, apostleship, Shepherding, exhortation, giving, prophecy, knowledge, wisdom, singing, dancing , etc. it is to be do unto God bc it has been given by God. We should not envy others gifting, that's like telling God he made a mistake in what he gave us. May we be grateful with what he's given, steward them well, and use them for the Glory of God.

Day 21: Persevering to the End-Matthew 24:13- Pastor I

PERSEVERE TILL THE END: Perseverance is not the absence of struggle so we need help to endure till the end. Tips to implement are things like fasting regularly, being consistent in prayer and Bible study, obtaining good godly accountability partners, and living with eternity in mind! Let endurance through struggles produce character which will produce hope, which is a building block to faith, which is the only way to please God!