



Agape Worship Center International

Praying and Fasting Guideline 2021

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Ministry Mission Statement...

Loving God and loving people through the philosophy of Love,
Acceptance, and Forgiveness.

Ministry Pillars...

- ◆ Engaging God through worship
- ◆ Equipping Leaders in Ministry
- ◆ Evangelizing our city, community and the world
- ◆ Empowering people through discipleship
- ◆ Embracing one another in love through fellowship
and Life Groups

Ministry Vision Strategy...

- ◆ Assimilate new comers into the church body
- ◆ Give and glorify God through praise and worship
- ◆ Affirm and train ministers and laity
- ◆ Pray and Fast
- ◆ Evangelize through outreach and missions

I admit that I haven't yet acquired the absolute fullness that I'm pursuing, but I run with passion into his abundance so that I may reach the purpose that Jesus Christ has called me to fulfill and wants me to discover. 13 I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this; however, I do have one compelling focus: I forget all of the past as I fasten my heart to the future instead.

Philippians 3: 12-13 The Passion Translation

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

For our church and many ministries around the world, 2020 has been a year of stepping out on faith and trusting God in the midst of this pandemic. This pandemic has shaken the core of our world. We now look forward to 2021.

At AWCI, I normally release a theme at the beginning of each year. While some people incorporate the theme as a part of their decision matrix throughout the year, others internalize the theme and make it applicable not only in the present year, but also in the years that follow. While I have always intentionally allowed God to guide our theming, I am beginning to ask..." Is God now challenging us to move beyond an annual theme and to embrace something greater that encapsulates who He is and what He is calling us to do?" Pray with me and as I continue to lean in and listen to God's voice in this coming year. There is something different about 2021. I don't think God is calling us to have another theme. I believe He is giving us an assignment to make impact.

I believe this coming year of following and obeying God's direction that we will set out to both increase the influence and impact we are having for Jesus Christ in our city and around the world virtually. Our vision is to deepen the spiritual growth of those in our church and abroad through 6 vital ministry initiatives.

Here are the six initiatives that your giving to the IMPACT Special Offering will support:

I - Invest in Global Missions (Mission to Ministry Military, Africa and Jamaica) and a church plant.

M - Maximize our Virtual Platform (through ministry initiatives, strategic upgrades and equipment improvements).

P - Provide hope to those who do not know Jesus (through evangelism to our city).

A - Aid the less fortunate in our city (through Christ Central Homeless Ministry).

C - Care for those hurting in our church (through our Benevolence Ministries).

T - Teach the Next Generation about Jesus (through expanding our AWCI Youth and Children ministries).

The Five Pillars of AWCI:

- ◆ Worship- Healthy churches will focus on the mission of worship and will grow stronger by honoring God and loving one another.
- ◆ Evangelism – Healthy churches will focus on the mission of introducing unchurched people to Jesus. This is the heartbeat of God and His church.
- ◆ Fellowship – Healthy churches will bring individuals into membership in God’s family and the church.
- ◆ Discipleship – Healthy churches will disciple individuals to become more Christ-like and build a stronger in-depth relationship in knowing Him. .
- ◆ Ministry – Healthy churches will assist individuals in discovering their S.H.A.P.E (Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences) for serving others as the church body.

As your spiritual leader, I am encouraging you, corporately, to walk in your God ordained vision and purpose this year.

Proverbs 29:18 declares that where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keeps the law, happy is he.

Is there something that you dream about constantly? Is there something that you are hoping for or maybe even attempting to reach in your own personal life? God’s word lays a strong foundation that we are all created with vision and purpose. At this point, we can all gain revelation knowledge then embrace and walk in our God-given purpose. We can begin to live a joyous life of fulfillment and enrichment that we have long yearned for. So, how do you arrive at your appointed destination to answer the call of purpose on your life?

There are some specific tools you need when seeing spiritually with extreme clarity- clarity for your calling, your purpose, for your life, as well, as your relationships... I believe as you seek Him in prayer and the study of His word, God is going to give you NEW vision. When God gives vision, the blessing He provides comes out of a root word for Revelation. Vision is a mental picture of your future state, forceful enough to mold your present.

Here are Five Ways to Walk Boldly in Your God-Given Vision and Purpose:

1. Live authentically and on purpose. *Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. (Genesis 1:26)* One of the greatest challenges in living out the call of purpose on your life is just being “you.” God has created you to be uniquely you, and it is your ability to live that out authentically and genuinely that will transform your life and the lives of others. You have been created in the image and likeness of God. So, the key to authentic living is remaining connected to your Creator so that He can continually remind you that He created uniqueness in “You” to fulfill the purpose.

2. Remain Focused. *Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)* If you are going to show up and answer the call of purpose on your life, you must remain focused. Remember, your favor, peace and prosperity are wrapped up in the fulfillment of your purpose. Busyness does not equate to living out your purpose.

3. Value God's Approval of Others through Relationships. *For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. If you serve Christ with this attitude, you will please God, and others will approve of you, too. Romans 14:17-18 New Living Translation (NLT)*

We are social creatures by nature. Therefore, we thrive when engaged in healthy relationships; relationships with family friends and loved ones. Whether we admit it or not, we seek the approval and recognition of others. Essentially, there is nothing wrong with desiring to be valued and appreciated by the individuals we love. If we strive to please God in everything that we do, ultimately, we will choose purpose over what other individuals think or desire for us and especially during the times when things may get difficult.

4. Fight for Your Purpose. Philippians 4:13 states *"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."* Living out your purpose in spite of the numerous challenges you face in life is a daily fight. You have to be willing to battle with both the internal and external opposition that you will face as you strive to live the life that God has destined for you. No matter how hard things may become in your life, refuse to ever give up! God is for you and with you!

5. We must be a church committed to praying and studying God's word. II Chron. 7: 13-15 *"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or*

send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place."

Prayer is an opportunity to approach God and openly express our needs and desires and ask for help! Prayer is the key to the Favor and Promises of God being released in and over our lives. We must be committed to a lifestyle of prayer and fasting. We must be committed to the study of and application of God's word. It is then that we will find ourselves successful and prosperous. Agape family be determined to fight for your purpose, and God will give the grace needed to keep moving forward.

PLAN NOW FOR SPIRITUAL SUCCESS IN 2021!

Whether you choose to participate with us or not in these twenty-one days from January 3rd through January 23rd or continue with us through February 11, 2021, develop your own plan. The key is having a plan and submitting to all that God has for you in 2021.

GOAL #1: We will increase our weekend service attendance virtually and on-campus.

The first step in our disciple-making process is drawing our surrounding community and those online together on Sunday to be part of our crowd. Jesus drew large crowds and then challenged them to commit. Peter challenged the enormous crowd to follow the resurrected Jesus on the Day of Pentecost, and three thousand did so.

We want as many people as possible to be brought into close proximity to the gospel, so that they will hear about Jesus. That's the starting point, for most people, on the journey to spiritual maturity. So, what will you do in the upcoming year to help increase our primary weekend worship attendance?

What are major thoughts or consideration that you use will use as an entry point for new people?

- ◆ How will you use social media?
- ◆ How will you utilize local media outlets?
- ◆ How can you leverage local and special events?
- ◆ How can you become more qualified to assist in outreach?
- ◆ What are major thoughts or consideration that you use will use as an entry point for new people?

GOAL #2: We will help attenders to get better connected by establishing communities within the body of Christ socially and

virtually.

You can only make disciples when people who join the crowd remain around. It's actually easy to get a bunch of people to come. What is most difficult is getting them to continuously come back, and to feel that they are a true part of the family.

The real issue is, how we help individuals see that they really belong, and that the best way to grow spiritually is to be a committed part of the body. As we face another year, we are wrestling with several questions:

- ◆ How can I become involved in interest groups?
- ◆ How can I be used by God to encourage others to serve?
- ◆ How do I challenge more people to commit to becoming members?
- ◆ How can I get people to take ownership of the mission of our church?
- ◆ What ideas can I suggest to reward long-term faithfulness?

GOAL #3: We will help our members grow in spiritual maturity.

Disciples follow Jesus. They imitate his character and learn to be more like him, which only happens as they grow deeper in his truth and grace. And growing disciples does not depend solely on the weekend message being their only source of spiritual nourishment and growth. They become self-feeders who study the Bible, pray, give, serve the body of Christ, and discipline others through wholesome relationships.

Our role as church members and or leaders is not to produce spiritual maturity. Only the Holy Spirit can do that. However, it is undoubtedly our job to create the environment and supply the tools for God to work with reaching others.

- ◆ How will my next twelve months of servanthood challenge people to be like Jesus?
- ◆ How can God use me to get devotional material into people's hands daily? (Hint: You can always start with the Daily Hope devotional.)
- ◆ How can I remind people of the power and potential of prayer?

GOAL #4: We will deploy more people in ministry and develop more leaders.

- ◆ How you assist in getting our members more involved in ministry means that they are far more likely to become bringers. And the more leaders you have involved in ministry, the more your members feel connected and cared for. Your church's capacity to grow increases as people leave their seats to serve others.
- ◆ How can God use me to help people discover their unique, God-given SHAPE for ministry?
- ◆ How can I make people aware of all the opportunities there are to serve?
- ◆ How can I be used by God to help others discover more opportunities for people to serve?

GOAL #5: We will fulfill the Great Commission locally, globally, and cross-culturally in a diversified church.

The end results of making more disciples, is making more disciples. We reach one more for Jesus so that the family of God grows and becomes more influential in reaching a lost generation with the good news. There are still thousands of unreached people groups in the world, and when the body of Christ works together, we can get busy reaching them.

Every local church is responsible for reaching the world. We cannot leave it to denominations, our church must be a part of the solution.

- ◆ How can I, personally, invest more funds into missions?
- ◆ How can I, personally, connect with the mission field we support?
- ◆ How can God use me to help send more people on mission trips this year?

Obviously, these five goals revolve around the five biblical purposes and core values of the church, which never changes and remains constant in any thriving culture. Every year, re-evaluate and re-align your structure and strategy to fulfill God's purposes in your surrounding culture.

FOCUS LEADS TO SUCCESS

At AWCI, we have found that when we have a focused effort, it helps us go so much farther together. For the past several years, AWCI has been allocating twenty-one days together to start our lives right, spiritually, each year.

Consider Twenty-One Days of Prayer & Fasting with emphasis on a 40-day journey. **January 3rd through January 23rd for 21 days.** And then continuing through **February 11, 2021** we will be placing our emphasis on 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting. Preferably using the guidelines for the “Daniel Fast”

We will focus our prayer each day in three specific areas:

Personal: A specific personal need that you might have on your heart. In other words, pray for your greatest burden or burdens daily.

Church: We will communicate specific things our church needs to focus on each day.

National & Community: Our community and nation has so many needs, and we will communicate some specific needs for our church to focus on each day.

There is something dynamic that occurs when we pray in agreement, at the same time, about specific things. Additionally, we will encourage as many people as possible to fast, however God is leading them during these twenty-one days. Fasting is abstinence from food with a spiritual goal in mind. When we humble ourselves through fasting, our prayers are purified, our hearts are softened, and God’s power ignites us like nothing else.

But let me be clearer: the overall emphasis is something every person can do. Everyone can pray with specificity about things on their heart and the things that we will share for twenty-one days, helps us to go so much farther together.

Daily Engagement and Communication Will Occur During Each of the Twenty-One Days of Prayer and Fasting, however, this is forty-day journey.

During these twenty-one days, our goal is to engage and encourage each other through daily communication. There are two ways we will communicate during these twenty-one days:

Daily Texts sent at 7:00 am EST... In these short daily texts, we will lead you to target a personal need, share a church need, and a national need. We will also share a Scripture as you pray for these needs and anything else God places on your heart.

You can sign up by texting 797979 in the “to” field and type agape2020 in the text block. This daily text will provide focus and intentionality to our 21 Days of Prayer.

Join me daily via phone through mobile ministry at 7:00 am EST... During each of these twenty-one days, on mobile ministry, call in via phone at 712-775-7100 access code: 577625 each morning for a brief message from God’s word and prayer together. These daily experiences will last no longer than 10 minutes. You can participate with us wherever you are in the world and invite others to join us.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FASTING PLEASE REFER TO “MORE FASTING INFORMATION” TOWARDS THE END OF THE BOOKLET.

Daily Prayer Focus

Week 1- January 3rd—7th

Call to Prayer (Sunday, January 3rd)

Faith (Monday, January 4th)

Worship (Tuesday, January 5th)

Increase for the Harvest (Wednesday, January 6th)

God's Assignment for 2021 (Thursday, January 7th)

Week 2 - January 8th– January 14th

Kingdom Focus/Priorities (Friday, January 8th)

Growth through Evangelism (Saturday, January 9th)

God's Presence (Sunday, January 10th)

Dedication (We Will Serve the Lord) (Monday, January 11th)

The Release of Revelation (Tuesday, January 12th)

Marriage & Unity in the Family (Wednesday, Jan 13th)

Divine Health (Thursday, January 14th)

Week 3 - January 15th – January 22nd

Provision (Friday, January 15th)

Protection from the Enemy (Saturday, January 16th)

Putting on the Full Armor (Sunday January 17th)

Your Unrelenting Protection (Monday, January 18th)

Weapons Against the Body of Christ (Tuesday, January 19th)

Our Community, City and Nation (Wednesday, January 20th)

Warfare Protection for Our Children (Thursday, January 21st)

Week 4 - January 22nd– January 28th

Health & Finances (Friday, January 22nd)

Victory in Warfare (Saturday, January 23rd)

Adults (Sunday, January 24th)

Children & Youth (Monday, January 25th)

Senior Adults (Tuesday, January 26th)

The Lost Among Us (Wednesday, January 27th)

Worship Leaders (Thursday, January 28th)

Week 5 - January 29th – February 4th

Speakers and Teachers (Friday, January 29th)

Women's Ministry (Saturday, January 30th)

Men's Ministry (Sunday, January 31st)

Youth Workers (Monday, February 1st)

Behind the Scene Workers (Tuesday, February 2th)

Children's Ministry (Wednesday, February 3rd)

Prayer Focus (Thursday, February 4th)

Week 6 - February 5th-February 11th

Spiritual Level (Friday, February 5th)

Spirit Led (Saturday, February 6th)

Spiritual Gifts (Sunday, February 7th)

Love and Unity (Monday, February 8th)

Finances (Tuesday, February 9th)

Outreach/Missions Projects (Wednesday, February 10th)

Single Parents (Thursday, February 11th)

DAY ONE: PRAYER & FASTING DECLARATION

Heavenly Father, I humble myself before you in the name of Jesus. I start the year 2021 with forty days of prayer and fasting. I repent of my sins of commission and omission and turn from all ways that do not honor you. I declare that 2021 will be a year of Kingdom impact. I am entering a new season of renewal, revival and restoration in Jesus' name. I decree that God is giving me, as His church, everything I need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness so that we may fulfill His purpose on the earth.

PRAYER: As we gather for a time of prayer and fasting we ask your blessing and favor upon our church family and our community. We give praise to you God for being a great God who keeps his covenants. God help us see the need and have our sins and burdens removed. We conclude this request by asking You to grant us success as we pursue Your God given call and join You in Your appointed mission to add souls to the kingdom. Amen!

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're decreeing and declaring that we are ready for change and for God to do something new in my life!

I am creating something new. There it is! Do you see it? I have put roads in deserts, streams in thirsty lands. Isaiah 43:19

DAY TWO: FAITH

I decree and declare that AWCI is a Spirit filled ministry. It is a place where the people are walking in faith, unity, and living **with overflowing anointing**. We are **divinely enabled** to operate beyond our capacity, beyond our strength, and beyond our vision of the future. We operate with the expectation that God will do great and mighty things in our lives and ministry.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're making the decision to serve!

When God calls us to go and serve, do we make the decision to serve? Today, we'll look at Amos' call: "Then answered Amos, And said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an Herdsman and an gatherer of sycamore fruit: and the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel" (Amos 7:14-15).

PRAYER: Father we pray that our ministry will remain committed and focused on Loving GOD and Loving people by Engaging You through Worship; Equipping leaders for Ministry; Evangelizing our city, communities and the world; empowering the saints through Discipleship; and embracing one another in love through Fellowship and the active participation of all of our members in elder care groups.

DAY THREE: WORSHIP— In accordance with *John 4: 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.* " I decree and declare that AWCI is a body of believers who worships God in spirit and in truth. We will worship God on the truth of who He is and the truth of what He does.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're living out God's reconciling love!

What Jesus accomplished on the cross reconciled us to the Father through His love for us. We remember that we embody the love of God. "Nor height, nor depth, nor any creature, should be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39).

PRAYER: Eternal God and Father, please help me to worship you by taking my every day, ordinary life (my sleeping, eating, going to work or school, etc.) and place it before you as worship. Allow my life to be one of consecration, making Jesus my Lord. Help me to take up my cross. Help me to die to self and help me to yield to your Spirit. Father

break off and remove fear, pride, and confusion in my life. Help me live a sold-out life for you Lord. Help me to center my life on Christ and not on career, family, and sports, having fun in any other things that tries to take first place.

DAY FOUR: INCREASE FOR THE HARVEST-

I decree and declare that an outpouring of the Holy Spirit will fall upon our ministry both socially and virtually and that AWCI will strategically break into the marketplace - the places where we live, where we work, and around the world. This will result in a revival that will generate a monthly attendance of over 1,000 with a goal of 3,000 brought to salvation in Christ through our weekly online and on campus worship service and our semi-annual community events, revivals, and conferences.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're declaring to the enemy that enough is enough! We have control over our thoughts and our actions. When the enemy tries to attack us in these areas, we can choose to reject his lies and deny him the strongholds he wants to take in our hearts. Today, declare to the enemy that enough is enough!

PRAYER: Father we ask that you will give a heart to see lost people saved. Also cause us to overcome the difficulty in getting people to stick and stay. We pray that people will keep coming back and feel that they are truly a part of the family. As we face another year, God help me to help others get and stay connected.

DAY FIVE: GOD'S ASSIGNMENT FOR 2021! I believe He is giving us an assignment to make impact. This coming year will be one of following and obeying God's direction as we set out to both increase the influence and impact we are having for Jesus Christ in our city and around the world virtually.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're choosing to be the light of the world!

We have a responsibility to be light to this world. Without light, there is darkness. Without light, there is nothing to be seen and nothing to be hoped for. "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the

light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not" (John 1:4-5, KJV).

PRAYER: Father your word declares in Proverbs 29:18 "Without a VISION the people perish!" Help us, your church, to walk with clarity and alignment. Lord, give us perfect vision and divine insight. Make us a healthy and viable church that will be driven by Your purpose. Help us to maintain and remain focused on the Great Commission.

DAY SIX: KINGDOM FOCUS/PRIORITIES- I decree and declare that AWCI is a body of believers who seek to give God, first priority in all that we say and do. I declare that as we place the desires of the Father first, in accordance with Matthew 6:33, all that is needed will be provided.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're valuing others above ourselves!

Philippians 2:3-4 sum up today perfectly, "*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others*" (NIV). Jesus came before us and set an amazing example by taking on the role of a servant. Strive to follow His example!

PRAYER: Dear God, we pray that you would help us to always place Your desires before our own. Help us to place Your kingdom desires over the things of the world. Grant us the courage and wisdom to put You first in our lives above all else. Father be behind our every thought and in front of our every action.

DAY SEVEN: GROWTH THROUGH EVANGELISM

I decree and declare that the vision of AWCI is to develop a strong outreach ministry couple with a healthy bible enrichment program to include small group facilitation and participation locally and virtually that will equip and disciple our ministry to fulfill the great commission as mandated in Matthew 28:19.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, I commit to being a disciple, a life-long learner of Jesus Christ. A true disciple counts the costs before committing to follow Jesus Christ, since this is the greatest life decision a person could ever

make. So, I therefore commit to the discipleship process of becoming more like Christ. And as a follower of Christ, I will also become a maker of disciples.

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PRAYER: Father we pray for laborers, laity and leadership to help strengthen our Christian Education Department in the process of discipleship in the following areas: finance, family/marriage, parenting, diet/nutrition, grief and divorce. We further ask that you help us to develop additional training and classes to assist in leadership development, and ministerial training thus equipping the body for the work of the ministry. This will result in stronger families and a more fruitful ministry. Lord, give us souls to disciple.

DAY EIGHT: GOD'S PRESENCE

Exodus 33:15 Living Bible (TLB) For Moses had said, "If you aren't going with us, don't let us move a step from this place.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're thanking God that the Kingdom belongs to Him!

This world, and everything in it, does not belong to us—it belongs to God, and God must get glory. *Isaiah 42:8 says, "I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols."* In God's Kingdom, He is the center. Is He the center of your life? In what areas do you need to surrender control over to Him today?

Prayer... Father, today, we dedicate each member of our family into your hands. We pray that your presence will always go before us and after us wherever we are. Cover each member of our family and hide us under the shadow of your wings.

DAY NINE: DEDICATION (WE WILL SERVE THE LORD)

Joshua 24:15 Living Bible (TLB) But if you are unwilling to obey the Lord, then decide today whom you will obey. Will it be the gods of your ancestors beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites here in this land? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord."

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're asking God to help us break generational curses!

Each of us remains a "slave of sin" unless we're "set free" by the one of us remains a "slave of sin" unless we're "set free" by the redemptive work of Jesus Christ (Romans 6:20-22). In order to get out from under the "generational curse," you have to be grafted into a whole new family tree (Romans 11:11-24). Let's thank God for the amazing freedom and the new identity He's given us through our salvation in Jesus Christ!

Prayer... We pray today because you are the God of our family; we disconnect from and sever any and all generational affiliations with other gods. We thank you that the blood of Jesus breaks all covenants made in our family's bloodline with other gods. We thank you that all generational curses are broken and that we belong to God and God alone. We will serve the Lord.

DAY TEN: THE RELEASE OF REVELATION

Proverbs 29:18 The Message (MSG)

If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; but when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're focusing on what's pure, holy, and true—Jesus Christ.

We live in a world saturated with virtual realities—fake things, people who pretend, and erroneous claims. It's time to focus on what's real and true. When it comes down to it, Jesus is our ultimate source of truth. In fact, all truth comes from Him! Let's thank Him today for being our

source of reality and truth, and turn to Him in the face of mixed messages and counterfeit things

Prayer... Father we ask that you pour out revelation of yourself and what you are doing in our home today. We ask that you release revelation into each family member from the oldest to the youngest. We declare that we are a progressive family and that there is no form of stagnancy whatsoever.

DAY ELEVEN: MARRIAGE & UNITY IN THE FAMILY

Psalm 133: 1-3 New International Version (NIV)

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're repenting from ungodly soul ties.

Ungodly soul ties—connections between your soul and that of another person that don't honor the Lord—are formed more easily than we think. Our words, actions, and habits can bind our hearts to people who aren't God's best for us. Today, ask the Lord to reveal any ungodly soul ties you have, and ask for His help in correcting your language and your heart in these areas.

Prayer... Father, you command your blessing wherever there is unity. Please bless our family with unity. Father as I pray for my husband today...may he love me as Christ loves the church and gave Himself up for it. Father as I pray for my wife today...May she submit to me in the Lord and may we both submit one to another. Please give each member of our family a heart for forgiveness. May we desire and learn to forgive and to forgive quickly so that no seed of bitterness will take root. Bring us together in the spirit of love, joy, peace and unity in the Name of Jesus.

DAY TWELVE: DIVINE HEALTH

Exodus 23:25 Living Bible (TLB)

You shall serve the Lord your God only; then I will bless you with food and with water, and I will take away sickness from among you.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're thanking God for being our Healer!

Psalm 107:20 tells us that God sent His word out to heal us! The most significant healing touch of God is the salvation and eternal life offered through His Son, Jesus Christ. God also offers healing in every other area of our lives, according to His perfect will.

Prayer... Father, we declare that, by faith, every member of our family will walk in divine health. We lift up those who are suffering with sickness and disease right now and we ask you to destroy all forms of it whether; spiritual, emotional or physical in the Name of Jesus. We ask that you would make us a family of prayer.

DAY THIRTEEN: PROVISION

Philippians 4:19 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

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Where has He healed you? How have you seen His healing hand in your world—the lives of those around you? Let's take time today to thank Him for His abundant goodness to us!

Prayer... Father you have promised to meet and supply all of our needs. We thank you for being a faithful provider. You truly do honor your

word to us. We speak blessings over our family and declare that we are blessed in the city and in the field. You have made us the head and not the tail. We are above only and not beneath. We thank you that the seeds we have sown; we will reap a harvest of blessings. We thank you that every need is continually met.

DAY FOURTEEN: PROTECTION FROM THE ENEMY

John 17:15 Living Bible (TLB) I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from Satan's power.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're decreeing and declaring that God is greater than anything we'll face today!

No matter what you're facing today—no matter what odds are against you—remember that God is greater! We can trust Him to bring about victory in our lives, for His glory and our good! What do you need to surrender to Him today? He can handle it!

Prayer...Lord, I lift up our need for protection. Protect and deliver us from the evil one. Help us be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves as we deal with the wolves around us. Show us how to test every spirit to see if they are from You. Help us recognize the enemy's disguises and schemes so that he won't outwit us.

DAY FIFTEEN: PUTTING ON THE FULL ARMOR

Ephesians 6:10-12 Living Bible (TLB) Last of all I want to remind you that your strength must come from the Lord's mighty power within you. 11 Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand safe against all strategies and tricks of Satan. 12 For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies—the evil rulers of the unseen world, those mighty satanic beings and great evil princes of darkness who rule this world; and against huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're standing firm against temptation!

The nature of temptation is to lead you astray from God's perfect will for your life. But know that there is no temptation greater than the power of God and His love for you—you will overcome (1 Corinthians 10:13)!

Prayer...Father, in Jesus name, I put on the whole armor of God that I may stand against the wiles of the devil. I put on the Helmet of Salvation...let the same mind be in me that is in Christ Jesus. I put on the Breastplate of Righteousness...the Righteousness of Christ. I put on the Girdle of Truth...Jesus is the Way, the Truth & the Life (John 14:6), the Truth, Integrity & the Holiness of God. I put on the Sandals of the Gospel of Peace...Help us to stand on the solid word and be rooted and grounded in Jesus.

DAY SIXTEEN: YOUR UNRELENTING PROTECTION

Isaiah 52:12 Living Bible (TLB) You shall not leave in haste, running for your lives; for the Lord will go ahead of you, and He, the God of Israel, will protect you from behind.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're trusting Jesus to carry us through the trials of life!

When it comes down to it, your strength isn't enough to get you through life's hard times. We have to rely on God's strength! He's promised to give us the strength to keep fighting the fight and to finish the race. Let's lean on Him today and thank Him for having the strength we cannot have!

Prayer...Father, I praise You & Thank You for Your glory which is my rear guard. In Jesus name, I ask You to surround me with Your supernatural wall of fire, to insulate me from any assaults of the enemy, satan. (Genesis 15:1) states after these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." (NKJ) (Ps. 3:3) But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head

high Father, in Jesus name, by faith, I claim Your promise to be my shield & protector.

DAY SEVENTEEN: WEAPONS AGAINST THE BODY OF CHRIST (Families)

Joshua 24: 15c... But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.” world.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we’re remembering that God is still in control!

God is sovereign. Nothing catches Him off guard! No matter what is happening in our lives, He’s still in control. Do we believe this? Do we live our lives in this way? Today, let’s surrender to God’s sovereignty, and ask Him for the faith to believe that He’s always on the throne!

Prayer...Father God, we ask that You ignite a Spirit of Warfare in every Family at AWCi and covenant Families in the household of faith. Father we are in this world, but we are not of this world (John 17:16). We tear down every stronghold or weapons against families. You have given us divine power to demolish strongholds and we implore our weapons right now in the Name of Jesus to tear down and destroy all strongholds of doubt, strongholds of fear, strongholds of discord and division, doubt and fear, strongholds of disunity, lack and poverty. Every generational stronghold that has attached itself to our families (strongholds of lust, greed, fornication, alcoholism, drugs, incest, pride, lying, gambling). We bind and demolish arguments and every pretension that has or will try to set itself up against the knowledge of You. Lord and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:3-5). Jesus came to destroy the works of Satan and we have the victory in Jesus’ name. (I John 3:8, I Corinthians 15:57)

DAY EIGHTEEN: OUR COMMUNITY, CITY AND NATION

Psalms 33:12 The Passion Translation (TPT)

Blessed and prosperous is that nation who has God as their Lord! They will be the people he has chosen for his own.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we’re asking God to use us as His willing vessels!

God has graciously chosen to involve us in the work of bringing others to Himself! The Bible says we are earthen vessels— though imperfect, we are designed to carry God’s love and truth to a world that desperately needs Him. Today, let’s surrender and ask God to use us in this way, becoming willing vessels through which, His purposes can be carried out.

Prayer...Father in Jesus name I pray that You strengthen us with Your power in my inner man (Ephesians 3:16) because it is not by might nor by power but by your spirit. (Zechariah 4:6).

Lord cover our surrounding communities, our city, and the nation with the blood of Jesus. I ask you to create a spiritual hedge of protection from Satan's attacks (Job 1:10). Father we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:11-12). Make the church as a fenced brazen wall so that even though Satan hosts fight against our **church, city, community and nation** it will not and shall not prevail against us for you will prosper. You have delivered us out the hand of the wicked one and redeemed us out of the hand of trouble (**Jeremiah 15:20-21**). You have given us total victory through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (**1 Corinthians 15:57**). Lord, restore moral decency and civility in our Nation.

DAY NINETEEN: WARFARE PROTECTION FOR OUR CHILDREN

Psalms 91:1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we’re decreeing and declaring that nothing’s too hard for God!

Even in the midst of hardship and suffering, we have to remember who

we serve! God is all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-present! There's nothing He can't do! Let's place our full confidence in His wisdom and His will today, choosing to have faith even when our lives don't look like we thought they would!

Prayer...Father our children are the future leaders of our nation. I ask that you protect the children against all negative words spoken against them or over them. Father help them to stay focus on your will for their lives. Let them be reminded they are Your children, an inheritance, and a blessing. Lord, may they dwell in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shadow of the almighty. Lord you are their Refuge and Fortress a very present help in time of trouble. Deliver them from the snares of the enemy and all deadly pestilence (sicknesses, diseases, ungodly thoughts of suicide, ungodly thoughts of murder, lying spirits or any ungodly thoughts) we plead the blood of Jesus over them as they go out and come in daily. Keep them under Your wings of protection (Ps.91)

DAY TWENTY: HEALTH AND FINANCES

Malachi 3:10 Living Bible (TLB)

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so that there will be food enough in my Temple; if you do, I will open up the windows of heaven for you and pour out a blessing so great you won't have room enough to take it in! "Try it! Let me prove it to you!"

FAITH AND PERSONAL DECLARATION

Today we are trusting God to supply all of our needs in Christ Jesus!

Philippians 4:19 says, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Are you relying on God to meet all of your needs? Most of us say that we rely on God and believe Him to be your source today. What will this look like practically in your own life? How will you know that you're truly

trusting in Him?

Prayer...Father, I surrender my financial affairs and health concerns to Your Divine love and care. I bind and take authority over the enemy's hands or weapons formed against my health or finances. Lord remove worries, anxieties, and replace them with faith. Father, I know and trust You have met every need and all debts will be paid off. Father, I lose revenue and resources to flow unlimited into my life. Give us the wisdom to handle all finances. Bless our work with success as we bless the church by bringing the tithes into Your storehouse to bless others. (Malachi 3:10)

DAY TWENTY ONE: VICTORY IN WAREFARE

Isaiah 59:19 New King James Version (NKJV) So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're decreeing and declaring that God is greater than anything we'll face today!

No matter what you're facing today—no matter what odds are against you—remember that God is greater! We can trust Him to bring about victory in our lives, for His glory and our good! What do you need to surrender to Him today? He can handle it!

Prayer... Father, "Your Word says that when the enemy comes in like a flood that You will raise a standard against them. Father, I decree that the Holy Spirit has rendered Satan, and all of his evil spirits dead in their tracks in all things. Your Word says, Father, that in that day we shall decree or declare a thing and it will come to pass (Job 2:28). Father, I

decree all of these prayers accomplished and brought to pass by faith and expectation in Jesus Name. “Now faith is the assurance of what we hope for and the certainty of what we do not see” (Heb. 11:1).

DAY TWENTY-TWO: ADULTS

Psalm 132:9 New International Version (NIV) May your priests be clothed with Your righteousness; may Your faithful people sing with joy.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we’re decreeing and declaring that God is essential!

God is essential in all of our lives. He the essential worker that ensures that we are equipped to be spiritually and physically healthy. Nehemiah 8:10 says, “Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” How has God been essential in your life in the past? What about today? Let’s take time to pray and thank Him for being everything we can’t be in our own strength!

Prayer...Lord, I lift up the adults in my congregation to You. May we live worthy of Your call on our lives. As we respond to that call, fulfill every purpose, every faith-filled act of service by Your power. May we be clothed in righteousness with hearts that sing for joy and delight greatly in You. We want to walk with You, Jesus, dressed in white, adorned with jewels. (Eph. 4:1; 2 Thess. 1:11; Ps. 132:9; Isa. 61:10; Rev. 3:4)

DAY TWENTY-THREE: CHILDREN/YOUTH

Matthew 19:13-15 The Passion Translation (TPT) Then they brought little children to Jesus so that he would lay his hands on them, bless them, and pray for them. But the disciples scolded those who brought the children, saying, “Don’t bother him with this now!” Jesus overheard them and said, “I want little children to come to me, so never interfere with them when they want to come, for heaven’s kingdom realm is composed of beloved ones like these! Listen to this truth: No

one will enter the kingdom realm of heaven unless he becomes like one of these!” Then he laid his hands on each of them and went on his way.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we’re thanking God that the Kingdom belongs to Him! This world, and everything in it, does not belong to us—it belongs to God, and God must get glory. Isaiah 42:8 says, "I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols." In God’s Kingdom, He is the center. Is He the center of your life? In what areas do you need to surrender control over to Him today?

Prayer...Lord, I lift up the children and youth in my congregation to You. May the little ones remain humble examples of what we adults need to become in the kingdom. Let their conduct always be pure and right with reputations that show that they remember You, Creator God. Teach them to declare Your marvelous deeds. May they flee evil desires and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace. (Matt. 18:3-4; Prov. 20:11; Eccl. 12:1; Ps. 71:17; 2 Tim. 2:22)

DAY TWENTY-FOUR: SENIOR ADULTS

Proverbs 16:31 New International Version (NIV) Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained in the way of righteousness.

Today, we’re walking in faith, even when we can’t see the end from the beginning!

We can’t see the future; that’s why it’s imperative that we trust God to lead us in His paths and to His purposes for us. Especially in times of turbulence, trial, and challenge, we need to cling to Him in faith! How are you relying on Him today in this area?

Prayer... Lord, I lift up the life-giver ministry and the senior members of our congregation. Thank You for every gray hair attained by

righteous living. We are blessed by their example and ability to train us. Help us to be humbly submissive as we benefit from their wisdom and understanding. Help them receive the strength and power You've promised to the weary and weak. May they put their hope in You and be renewed in the process. (Prov. 16:31; Titus 2:4; 1 Pet. 5:5; Job 12:12; Isa. 40:29, 31)

DAY TWENTY-FIVE: THE LOST AMONG US

1 Thessalonians 1:5 The Passion Translation (TPT) For our gospel came to you not merely in the form of words but in mighty power infused with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. Surely you remember how we lived our lives transparently before you to encourage you.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we are decreeing and declaring that Jesus knows it all!

Not only does Jesus know everything-He intimately understands what it means to be human. Jesus walked in our skin, lived life on our level, and sympathizes with our weakness. Today, let's thank Him for being both the omniscient God who's over all creation and the intimate God who understands what it's like to live a human life!

Him for being both the omniscient God who's over all creation and the intimate God who understands what it's like to live a human life!

Prayer... Lord, I lift up the lost members of our congregation. Let the gospel be presented to them not only through the sermon but also with power, the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. Teach us to make the most of every opportunity to share Your salvation. Help us to be the fragrance of Christ to them. We stand against the enemy and his attempts to keep them blinded to Your truth. (1 Thess. 1:5; Col. 4:5; 2 Cor. 2:15; 2 Cor. 4:4)

DAY TWENTY-SIX: WORSHIP LEADERS

2 Chronicles 20:21-22 New King James Version (NKJV) And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the Lord, for His mercy endures forever."

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're decreeing and declaring that our hope is in God!

When it's tempting to lose hope, remember who our true Source of hope is! God never changes, and His promises never fail. We can have hope even in the midst of difficult circumstances, crisis, and tragedy, because He is our unchanging hope!

Prayer... Lord, I lift up our worship leaders. Appoint people to this position who understand the splendor of Your holiness and praise You out of that understanding. Help them lead us faithfully in thanks for Your enduring love. Use their praise to defeat the enemy. May they be the true worshipers You are looking for who worship in spirit and in truth. Let them glory only in You, Jesus, so that they put no confidence in their own flesh. (2 Chron. 20:21-22; Jn. 4:23-24; Phil. 3:3)

DAY TWENTY-SEVEN: SPEAKERS/TEACHERS

2 Timothy 2:15 The Passion Translation (TPT) Always be eager to present yourself before God as a perfect and mature minister, without shame, as one who correctly explains the Word of Truth.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're counting the cost of pride.

It's easy to become so used to success or the abundant life that we forget God's hand in our lives. When we think we've gotten to where we are on our own—or that we can get where we're going on our own strength—pride creeps into our hearts. Pride keeps us from encountering God in the powerful ways He wants to show Himself to us. Today, let's forsake our pride and voice our dependence on Him!

Prayer...Lord, I lift up the speakers and teachers in our church. May everyone who holds that position—pastors, Sunday school teachers, small group leaders, guest speakers—rightly divide Your word of truth. Let them admonish and teach with wisdom. Reveal the mysteries of Your word to them and encourage them to speak those mysteries courageously and fearlessly. Let them speak with a spirit of faith that springs from their relationship with You. (2 Tim. 2:15; Col. 1:28; Dan. 2:47; Phil. 1:14; 2 Cor. 4:13)

DAY TWENTY-EIGHT: WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Titus 2:4-5 The Passion Translation (TPT) This will enable them to teach the younger women to love their husbands, to love their children, and to be self-controlled and pure, taking care of their household and being devoted to their husbands. By doing these things the word of God will not be discredited.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're repenting for judging others.

It's far too easy to point fingers at others. Matthew 7:1-2 tells us that we shouldn't judge others, however. Since God has so graciously forgiven us, we are to forgive others, and to leave the issue of justice and punishment up to God. Who do you need to repent of judgment

towards today? Allow God to take the burden of justice off your shoulders and trust Him to make things right.

Prayer...Lord, I lift up our Women's Ministry. Encourage our older women to train the younger in family issues. Teach our women to be virtuous women with gentle and quiet spirits who put their hope in You. Let this ministry produce women who feel Your passion for them and who choose to spend time at Your feet. Train them to contend for the gospel side by side with the men. (Prov. 31:10; 1 Pet. 3:4, 5; Ps. 45:11; Lk. 10:38-42; Phil. 4:3)

DAY TWENTY-NINE: MEN'S MINISTRY

Titus 2:2 The Passion Translation (TPT) Lead the male elders into disciplined lives full of dignity and self-control. Urge them to have a solid faith, generous love, and patient endurance.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're asking God to help us be peacemakers!

During times of pain, frustration, and oppression, it becomes easy to be enraged and destructive. Our response to offense shouldn't be harmful, but instead, it should make peace in a way that reflects and leads people to Christ (2 Timothy 2:23-26). How is God calling you to be a peacemaker in your community today?

Prayer... Lord, I lift up our Men's Ministry to You. Use this ministry to build our men in their faith. Teach them to be in right relationship to You and each other, to love their wives sacrificially and to instruct their children with patience. Encourage them to hold each other accountable as they carry each other's burdens. May they speak the truth in love to each other even when it's hard. (Jude 1:20; Titus 2:2; 1 Tim. 5:1; Eph. 5:25, 6:4; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 4:15; Prov. 27:6)

DAY THIRTY: YOUTH WORKERS

1 Timothy 4:12 The Passion Translation (TPT) And don't be intimidated by those who are older than you; simply be the example they need to see by being faithful and true in all that you do. Speak the truth and live a life of purity and authentic love as you remain strong in your faith.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're decreeing and declaring the power of words!

Our words wield more power than we know. Just as true words bring life and healing, the wrong words bring destruction and hurt. Matthew 12:36-37 says we'll all give account for the careless words we speak. Today, ask God to reveal to you where you may be letting careless speech slip past your lips, and ask for His help in controlling your tongue in these areas.

Prayer... Lord, I lift up our Youth Workers. Let these young men and women set an example in their speech, life, love, faith, and purity. Cause them to be strong, alive-in-the-Word overcomers. Help them to have discernment as they deal with the young people in our church. Help them to notice any youth who lack judgment so they can teach them to value Your life-giving principles. Pour out Your Spirit on them. (1 Tim. 4:12; 1 Jn. 2:14; Prov. 3:21, 7:7, 7:2; Joel 2:28).

DAY THIRTY-ONE BEHIND THE SCENES WORKERS

1 Peter 4:10-11 The Passion Translation (TPT) Every believer has received grace gifts, so use them to serve one another as faithful stewards of the many-colored tapestry of God's grace. For example, if you have a speaking gift, speak as though God were speaking his words through you. If you have the gift of serving, do it passionately with the strength God gives you, so that in everything God alone will be glorified

through Jesus Christ. For to him belong the power and the glory forever throughout all ages! Amen.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're counting our blessings!

It can be difficult to remember to count our blessings in the midst of long days, trying circumstances, and other tensions. However, we have Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior! We have more reason than anyone to give thanks and praise Him! Today, reframe your focus from the problems and struggles of the day to the joys and blessings God has abundantly showered you with! You'll see your attitude—and likely your entire day—take a turn!

Prayer... Lord, I lift up the people who work behind the scenes at our church. Thank You for every nursery worker, parking lot attendant, office volunteer, building janitor, etc. who have devoted themselves to the service of the saints. Bless them for the obedience and generosity they have displayed—may You receive praise as a result! Keep them in an attitude of humility that comes from wisdom and wholehearted service to You rather than to be noticed by others. (1 Cor. 16:15; 2 Cor. 9:12-13; Jas. 3:13; Eph. 6:7)

DAY THIRTY-TWO: CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Proverbs 22: 6 Amplified Train up a child in the way he should go [teaching him to seek God's wisdom and will for his and talents], even when he is old he will not depart from it.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're praying for God's will to be done in our lives!

When was the last time you prayed not for a specific outcome, but simply that the will of God would be done? We must desire for God's

will to be done on earth, and we must stay in the will of God if we expect to live in the peace, love, and perfect blessings of God. Today, make a point to surrender your plans and purposes to God's, asking Him to have His way in your life!

Prayer...Lord, I lift up our children's ministry to You. Create an atmosphere here that encourages our children to find You. Let the teachers be careful to remind each child of the marvelous things You have done. Cause everything, they learn about You to become a part of them forever. May they consistently choose life and blessing each day because of the training they receive in our church. Keep them walking in the truth. (Mk. 10:14; Dt. 4:9; 29:29; 30:19; Prov. 22:6; 3 Jn. 1:4)

DAY THIRTY-THREE: PRAYER FOCUS

Ephesians 6:18 Living Bible (TLB) Pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit's wishes. Plead with him reminding him of your needs and keep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're choosing to speak life!

Even when everything around us looks bleak— even when we're surrounded by sickness and death— we can choose to speak life. We can choose to share not selfishness or fear with others, but encouragement and strength. Who needs your life-giving words today? Whom can you encourage and remind of God's truth? Speak life!

DAY THIRTY-FOUR: SPIRITUAL LEVEL

Luke 24:45 The Passion Translation (TPT) He supernaturally unlocked

their understanding to receive the revelation of the Scriptures...

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

Today, we're thanking God that the Kingdom belongs to Him!

This world, and everything in it, does not belong to us—it belongs to God, and God must get glory. Isaiah 42:8 says, "*I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.*" In God's Kingdom, He is the center. Is He the center of your life? In what areas do you need to surrender control over to Him today?

Prayer...Lord, I lift up the spiritual temperature of my church. Revive us! Refine us so that we burn hot for You. Give us singleness of heart and action so that we always fear You and follow Your precepts. Pour out a spirit of Josiah on us so that we turn to You heart, soul, and strength. Open our minds to understand Your Word so that our hearts burn within us. (Ps. 85:6; Rev. 3:14-18; Jer. 32:39; Ps. 111:10; 2 Ki. 23:25; Lk. 24:45, 32)

DAY THIRTY-FIVE: SPIRIT LED

Romans 8:14 Amplified Bible (AMP) For all who are allowing themselves to be led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

I decree that I will endure and overcome life contradictions by faith and prayer.

James 4:7-10 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Prayer... Lord, I lift up the issue of our willingness to be led by Your Spirit. Holy Spirit, show us any way we are grieving, quenching or resisting You. Convict us and lead us to level ground. Help us keep in step with You as we live by You. Reign in us so that we experience Your freedom. Lead us into grace, life and peace. (Eph. 4:30; 1 Thess. 5:19; Acts 7:51; Jn. 16:8; Ps. 143:10; Gal. 5:25; 2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:18; Ro. 8:6)

DAY THIRTY-SIX: SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 Peter 4:10-11 New Living Translation (NLT) God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

I decree and declare that I will live a strong and victorious life.

Prayer... Lord, I lift up the use of spiritual gifts in our church. We eagerly desire spiritual gifts that You've given for our common good. Help us understand the various gifts and how they work. Teach us to use what we've received to serve others and faithfully administer Your grace—whatever form that takes. Help us exercise our gifts in love. Remind us to keep fanning into flame the gifts You've entrusted to us. (1 Cor. 14:1, 12: 4-7; 1 Peter 4:10; 2 Timothy 1:6)

DAY THIRTY-SEVEN: LOVE/UNITY

1 Peter 1:22 New Living Translation (NLT) You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

I will not lose heart and I will hold my head high and sing the praises of God.

Prayer... Lord, I lift up our love for one another as a body. Help us purify ourselves by obeying the truth so that our love for each other will be sincere, deep and from the heart. May our love for one another prove that we are Your disciples. Give us a spirit of unity so that we may glorify You with one heart and voice. Help us accept one another as we clothe ourselves in love. (1 Pet. 1:22; Jn. 13:34-35; Ro. 15:5-7; Col. 3:14)

DAY THIRTY-EIGHT: FINANCES

2 Corinthians 6: 6-11 Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully. "And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever. "For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

I decree to today I will steadfastly hold to my commitment to see miracles and the supernatural today.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Prayer... Lord, I lift up our church finances. May we sow generously

into our church without reluctance or compulsion. Make all grace abound so we have all we need for every good work You've assigned us. Make us rich in ways that result in generosity on our part so You will be praised. Keep reminding us of your promise to throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out blessing on all who bring the whole tithe into Your house. (2 Cor. 9:6-11; Mal. 3:10)

DAY THIRTY-NINE: OUTREACH/MISSIONS PROJECTS

Matthew 25:36 The Passion Translation (TPT) ...and when I was poorly clothed, you covered me. When I was sick, you tenderly cared for me, and when I was in prison you visited me.'

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

I decree and declare to hold my heart toward the harvest of lost and unchurched people.

John 4:35 Do you not say "There are still four months and then comes the harvest?" Behold I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

Prayer...Lord, I lift up our outreach programs. Remind us to do good and share with others as a pleasing sacrifice to You. Keep us outwardly focused so we don't become self-absorbed. Help us teach one another to be faithful ministers of Your Son. Enable us to meet people wherever they have a need. Help us minister faithfully as we proclaim the gospel so that the ones, we reach might become an acceptable offering to You. (Heb. 13:16; Phil. 2:4; Col. 17; Jude 1:23)

DAY FORTY: SINGLE PARENTS

Psalms 68:5-6 New Living Translation (NLT) Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy. God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy. But he makes the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

FAITH AND PERSONAL LIFE DECLARATION

I decree that I will endure and overcome life contradictions by faith and prayer.

James 4:7-10 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Prayer...Lord, I lift up the single parents in our church. May they know You as father to the fatherless and defender of widows! Let us be a real family to them when they are lonely. Show us ways to include them and minister grace to them. Stir up practical ideas in us that show Your love and care. Help them relax in Your grace and provision which is more than enough for every weakness and need. (Ps. 68:5-6, 25:16; Matt. 25:35-40; 2 Cor. 12:9; Phil. 4:19)

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Father, we thank You for Your faithfulness to us. Your love for us is great and worthy of our full commitment to You. You are our God who answers prayer. Our confidence in You, Your character and ability is the substance of what we hope for and the evidence of what we don't yet see. We boldly confess Your Word over our lives, situations, and our world. You told us that if we fast, pray and seek Your face You would heal our land. So, we thank You for abundant supply for every ministry need. Thank You that our families are blessed and living on purpose. Thank You for every soul saved and every person with a new passion for You. We thank You for change in our government, city, and nation and for families being strong together. We commit to continued prayer and consecration as we prepare to present our families to You. We want You to get all the glory honor and praise in Jesus' name. Amen!

“Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God “Ephesians 2:19.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FASTING



Foundational Scripture for the Fast

Isaiah 58:3-8 Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself? Is it for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning and thine health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.

We are believing God:

-To loose the bands of wickedness!

-To undo heavy burdens!

-To set the oppressed free!

-To break every yoke of bondage!

Take hold of these 10-fold promises.

God has revealed His true purpose for fasting in Isaiah 58:6-12; it is much more than simply abstaining from food. What God is looking for is the attitude of your heart.

God is calling for a season of repentance. As you humble yourself before God through Fasting and Prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart and to reveal any sin or thing in your heart and life you need to make right. Confess your sin, and ask God to cleanse and purge you.

In Isaiah 58:7 and 10, God reveals that the fast He is pleased with is to minister to the needs of the poor, clothe the naked, minister to the oppressed and afflicted, and to stop all forms of harsh, unjust and malicious talk. In other words, as we Fast and Pray, we are to do the work of ministry, to give ourselves unreservedly to God.

As we do these things and follow His chosen fast, He has given us ten promises:

Promise 1, verse 8:

“Then shall thy light break forth as the morning...” After what seems to be a dark night of despair or obscurity, God will bring you forth in

victory! He will bring you out of obscurity into the forefront. God’s glory will be seen upon you!

Promise 2, verse 8:

“...thine health shall spring forth speedily.” Reach out in faith during this fast to grab hold of God’s promise for your healing. Regardless of how long you may have suffered or how impossible your physical conditions, believe God to release His healing power to set you free from all sickness and disease. His promise is that your health will come forth speedily! ***Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.***

Promise 3, verse 8

“...your righteousness (your rightness, your justice and your right relationship with God) shall go before you (conducting you to peace and prosperity) ... (AMP)

Promise 4, verse 8

“...the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.” (AMP) God’s glory will follow you, and you will have His divine protection.

Promise 5, verse 9

“...Then you shall call and the Lord will answer; you shall cry and He will say, “Here I am.” (AMP) You will have divine access to God, communion with Him, and answers to your prayers.

Promise 6, verse 11

“...the Lord shall guide you continually.” (AMP) You will have God’s guidance continually in all you do.

Promise 7, verse 11

“...satisfy you in drought and dry place...” (AMP) God will satisfy you in times of great distress, turmoil or barrenness. He will provide a continual supply so you will not be lacking any good thing.

Promise 8, verse 11

“...and make strong your bones.” (AMP) God will strengthen you so you will be immovable, regardless of what you may face.

Promise 9, verse 11

“And you shall be like a watered garden and like a spring of water whose water fails not.” (AMP) God will make you fruitful, and you will continually be able to draw from Him all you need.

Promise 10, verse 12

“And they that be of thee shall build the old waste places; thus halt raise up the foundation of many generations and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach; the restorer of path to dwell.” I, God, will use you to bring restoration wherever there is a breach. You and your family will bring back the paths God has established you to walk in.

How to begin and end your fast:

- Set an objective; the reason you are fasting will sustain you during your fast. II Chron 7:14
- Lay a spiritual foundation. Prepare yourself spiritually. Confess your sins to God and ask for forgiveness. 1 John 1:9
- Make physical preparation. Do not rush into a fast (start eating smaller portions of food prior to going into a fast). Some suggest fruit, vegetables, and raw food prior to fasting.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the kind of fast God wants you to undertake.
- Limit activity. Exercise moderately. Rest your body.
- Consider your medication; a doctor’s guidance is a must.
- Plan your prayer time; the more time you spend with Him to fellowship, worship and adoration, and the more you read and meditate on His word during your fast, the greater your effectiveness will be in prayer and the more meaningful your fast will be.

How to break your fast:

Depending on the length of your fast, different precautions must be taken. Rushing back into solid food on your digestive tract can create problems. It is wise to start with a little soup or something thin and nourishing, such as vegetable broth or fresh fruit. As your body accepts these foods, advance to tablespoons of solid foods, such as raw fruits and vegetables, or a raw salad and baked potatoes.

Four Kinds of Fasting

The **normal fast** is going without food for a definite period during which you ingest only liquids (water and/or juice). The duration can be 1 day, 3 days, 1 week, 1 month or 40 days. Extreme care should be taken with longer fasts, which should only be attempted after medical advice from your physician.

The **absolute fast** allows no food or water at all and should be short. Moses fasted for 40 days; but this would kill anyone without supernatural intervention and should not be attempted unless you really hear from God. Be sure you test the spirit that tries to talk you into a 40 day fast, even if it includes liquids.

The **partial fast** is one that omits certain foods or is on a schedule that includes limited eating. It may consist of omitting one meal a day. Eating only fresh vegetables for several days is also a good partial fast.

