



LEGACY
Journey

21 Days
of Prayer & Fasting

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Prayer
Journal

WELCOME TO THE JOURNEY

Over the next 3 weeks, we will begin a spiritual journey that will bring us closer to the heart and mind of God. We will focus our minds together so that we may become as one body in Christ with the same goal.

As in any relationship, to know God, you must open the lines of communication. Prayer is simply defined as having a conversation with God. When we talk to Him and allow Him time to speak to us, we will discover Jesus, get to know God, and become committed disciples of Christ.

This prayer journal will be your guide as you seek His will, listen for His voice, and obey what He says. Each day you will find a devotion with scripture readings to meditate on. Space is provided for you to write down your gratitude, what you want to surrender, your daily prayer focus, and what you feel God is saying to you.

It is important that you are intentional with this journey. Set aside specific time each day for meditation and prayer. Plan days and ways for fasting. Mark your calendars and plan to join us in the main auditorium for ***The Encounter: A Prayer & Praise Gathering*** on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 6:30pm where we will encounter the presence of God through prayer and praise.

Prepare your heart and be open and receptive to what God has to say. Then obey.

"Don't worry about anything: instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His Peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4: 6-7

FASTING EXPLAINED

What is fasting?

Fasting simply defined is abstaining. In most cases, this means abstaining from food and/or drink.

Fasting affects the body, mind, and spirit. When we fast, it is an expression of a submissive and surrendered heart to God. Our bodies, referred to in scripture as the flesh, lead us into things that we should not or do not want to do.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20(NIV) “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.”

One way you can honor God with your body is by denying it of the pleasure(s) that it craves. We have been purchased at a great price. This was the debt that Christ paid when He died so that we could live. In turn, we should submit our thoughts, desires, and bodies to Him. When we fast, it becomes an act of worship by denying our flesh what it may want and need. We can then focus our attention and reliance on God for provision and strength.

In making space by pushing away our plates we make more time to spend in prayer. It is a good habit to take the time that we would normally spend eating and set it aside for prayer. You should never spend time fasting without prayer.

What happens when we fast?

- Fasting frees you for prayer, meditation, and Bible reading.
- Fasting demonstrates the depth of your desire when praying and shows that you are willing to pay a personal price.
- Fasting releases God’s supernatural power and gets our flesh out of His way.

Types of Fasts

- Water Fast – abstain from all food and drink except water
- Partial Fast – eliminate certain meal(s) from your day
- Juice Fast – abstain from all food and drink except juices and water
- Specific Fast – eliminate certain food from your diet long term

When fasting, stay away from caffeine and dairy products.

Length of Fasts

- Meal Fast – skip the first and/or second meal of the day or fast from sunup to sundown
- 1 Day Fast – go a full 24 hours without eating (drink to stay hydrated)
- 3 Day Fast – go a full 72 hours without eating (drink to stay hydrated)
- The Daniel Fast – go 21 days with eating only fruits and vegetables and drinking water and juice (no meats, no grains, no rich foods, no sweets - do under doctor's supervision)
- 40 Day Fast – go a full 40 days on a strict limited diet (similar to a Daniel Fast but extended - do under doctor's supervision)

During fasting, there are times that you should limit how much television, streaming, and/or gaming you do. You will also want to consider limiting or blocking your social media consumption. This is also a form of fasting and should be practiced regularly.

When we deny our flesh, and focus that time to God, it leaves us broken, open, and vulnerable before the Lord. Fasting should be

Matthew 6:16-18 (NLT) "And when you fast, don't make it obvious, as the hypocrites do, for they try to look miserable and disheveled so people will admire them for their fasting. I tell you the truth, that is the only reward they will ever get. But when you fast, comb your hair and wash your face. Then no one will notice that you are fasting except your Father, who knows what you do in private. And your Father, who sees everything, will reward you."

As we kick off this 21 Day Bible plan, we are deciding to seek God first in all things! It can be easy to get swept up in our busy schedules, families, jobs, and day-to-day life leaving us feeling like there are never enough hours in the day to accomplish what we need. Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." When God is FIRST, everything else is FINE! This enables us to fight distraction and find peace, direction, and comfort in His presence standing on His Word. Today, as we seek God first, we are reminded that our approval, direction, and counsel come from Him above all others. When God is our priority, we can approach all other relationships, obligations, and tasks in line with His will for our lives. As we invite God into all areas, we see transformation in Christ!

- What does it look like to seek God first in your life?
- How can you prioritize your relationship with God during this time of 21 days of prayer and fasting?
- What areas do you need to surrender to God first, to seek His will for your life?

Prayer:

God, today I am deciding to put you first. I surrender every distraction that has taken your place in my life. Right now, I remove anything that is in your way and put you in your rightful place. I thank you that as I do this, you are taking care of every detail of my life. I trust you. I surrender my plans to make room for your plans and your will in my life. I love you, have your way. Amen!

- Matthew 6:33
- 2 Chronicles 7:14
- Deuteronomy 4:29

Gratitude - Today I am grateful for:

Surrender - Today I surrender control of:

Pray - Today I pray for:

Listen - Today God said/ showed me:

Today we are deciding to walk in humility. Humility is defined not as thinking less of yourself but as thinking of yourself less. Humility is taking up your God-given space, nothing more, nothing less. We live in a day and age where it seems counterintuitive to make ourselves smaller. At times, we can become absorbed with our achievements, dreams, desires, and worries. We may feel that we need to promote ourselves to stay relevant, receive credit, or even reach our purpose. The Bible instructs us as followers of Christ, to remain humble and submitted. We are empowered through the Holy Spirit to become self-aware in our actions and fight against the temptation to walk in pride. Jesus modeled what it looked like to walk in humility by the way He lived His life and served others in grace and truth. If anyone had an excuse to be prideful it was Jesus. He was God! The Bible says in Philippians 2:6, "Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to." The next time you feel yourself getting consumed by your needs or desires, remember to remain humble by magnifying God and putting Him in His rightful place. We surrender by trusting His ways are higher, in turn, we find peace and freedom.

- What is an area you have a tendency to be prideful in?
- How does walking in humility magnify God in your life?
- What is one thing you can do today, to submit to God by walking in humility?

Gratitude - Today I am grateful for:

Prayer:

Lord, I thank you for reminding me that you are always in control. I thank you, that I can remain open-handed with my worries and my wants, trusting your will for my life. I repent for the ways I have walked in pride. I repent for times when I have been self-centered and missed the mark. I pray that as I humble myself today, you show me grace and favor. I thank you for the relationship I have with you. I pray that as I submit, your presence and power in my life are magnified. Amen.

- Philippians 2:5-8
- Micah 6:8
- James 4:6
- 1 Peter 5:5-6
- Psalm 138:6

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Transformation in Christ occurs as our hearts and motives are purified! Sometimes we can believe the lie that we need to fix all of our issues and perfect our hearts and motives before we come to God. There may have been times where we let shame get in the way of building a relationship with God. The truth is, as we draw near to God, we are able to bring Him all of our brokenness and humanity. We will always fall short of perfection and that is why we need Jesus, to save and renew our lives. It's about progression and not perfection! God blesses who you are, not who you pretend to be. He desires a relationship with us! As we lean into a relationship with God, He will transform us through His love, leading us to repentance and restoration. We repent for times when we missed the mark in the way we think, speak, and love in our lives, accepting forgiveness and correction from the Lord. Today, ask yourself, "what areas in my heart and motives can I surrender to the Lord, to purify and make me into His likeness?" Imagine how our lives and the lives of those around us can be transformed through this time, as we allow God to have His way in our hearts and minds!

- How is God speaking to you about your heart posture and motives today?
- What areas have you tried to fix on your own before submitting them to God?
- What would it look like to be transformed during this time of prayer and fasting to be more like Christ?

Gratitude - Today I am grateful for:

Prayer:

Lord, I thank you for your grace and mercy. I thank you for your goodness and love that is for me and will never leave me. I pray that you illuminate areas in my heart and motives where I am operating out of impurity. I repent for thoughts and actions that have missed the mark. I pray for your guidance and wisdom. Speak to me today! Renew my heart, restore my motives, and transform me for your glory. Amen.

- Psalm 51:10
- Proverbs 16:2
- Psalm 119:9
- Philippians 2:3

Surrender - Today I surrender control of:

Pray - Today I pray for:

Listen - Today God said/ showed me:

Words are powerful. As we begin to think about today's topic: tame my tongue, we are reminded of our humanity. We all fall short of the glory of God and all have areas in our lives and language that need to be refined. Our words have the power to dictate many things in our lives. God spoke the world into existence! Words have the power to re-present who we are through our conversations and shift the atmosphere. Proverbs 18:21 teaches us that when our words are unsubmittted to God, our words can breed death. In James chapter 3, we learn that we move in the direction we speak. In this chapter, we also see that no man alone can tame the tongue. When we accept Jesus into our hearts, the Holy Spirit lives within us and we are sanctified. We all need the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit to help us progress in our hearts so that our words are reflective of the love of God. Love, kindness, and self-control are fruits of the Spirit that empower us to walk in wisdom and discernment. As you continue to pray and fast on today's topic, ask yourself, "is my speech edifying and bringing glory to God?" Imagine the impact you can have to re-present God for transformation in Christ by allowing the Holy Spirit to dictate your speech.

- What is God speaking to you about taming your tongue?
- What does it look like to invite the Holy Spirit into your language?
- How can you re-present God to those around you through your speech?

Gratitude - Today I am grateful for:

Prayer:

Lord, I surrender my heart, mind, and mouth to you today. I repent for times when I fell short in the ways I have spoken. I ask and receive your forgiveness and grace to turn away from my sin. I pray that you would increase my awareness of the power in my words. I pray for wisdom to steward my speech in a way that is pleasing to you. Holy Spirit, I need you. I pray that I speak life and encouragement today. I will declare words of love and kindness to encourage and edify myself and those around me. I love you. Amen.

- Psalm 39:1-2
- Ephesians 4:29
- Proverbs 17:28
- Proverbs 18:21
- James 3:1-12

Surrender - Today I surrender control of:

Pray - Today I pray for:

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Our minds are transformed as we surrender our lives to God and mature in our faith. We all experience thoughts, situations, and events throughout our lives that challenge and stretch us. As we walk out our faith, our minds are constantly bombarded by thoughts, lies, and worries that come against the truth of God. Our experiences and feelings have the power to shape patterns and behaviors as we respond and react to our environments. The Bible says, we have authority in Christ over our present circumstances. We have the authority to react in agreement with the Holy Spirit. As we intentionally discern truth from lies and redirect our thoughts to what God has to say about us, we are transformed. It takes intentional prayer, but the Holy Spirit is always with us to help us in our thoughts. As we yield to the Holy Spirit and embrace the process of God's transforming love, we pursue progression and not perfection. As you continue to walk in your God given authority your minds and emotions are renewed. As we mature in our relationship with Christ, we declare the promises of God over our lives and we are transformed!

- What areas of your mind, thoughts, and emotions require fresh surrender to God?
- What is God speaking to you about transforming your mind?

Prayer:

Lord, I thank you that you invite me, daily, to a fresh surrender to you. I praise your name, that your ways are not my ways and that you are higher than all of my thoughts, emotions, and circumstances. I invite you into my heart and mind today. I pray you change me, renew me, and transform my mind. Amen!

- Romans 12:2
- 2 Corinthians 10:5
- Philippians 4:8
- Romans 8:6

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We never stop learning how to receive and extend God's love. Sometimes, the commandments to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" or "Love your neighbor as yourself" can sound routine to us. We can quote this verse without understanding the gravity and implications of inwardly understanding and outwardly demonstrating this commandment. The Bible teaches that God is love and that as followers of Christ, we will be recognized by the way we love one another. We are only able to extend the amount of love that we are able to receive from God. God is the source of love and light in the world. Since God is love, we are called to be with love and to become love. The depths of God's goodness and love is impossible for us to fully comprehend. God loves us so much that He sent His one, and only, Son to die on a cross to save us. As we have a relationship with God we experience his love for us. Out of this overflow we are able to share God's love with the lost and found people in this world. Imagine the impact on the lives of others we can have by growing in our understanding and ability to receive and extend God's love.

- Do you see and treat others through a lens of God's love?
- In what ways do you need to recognize God's love for you?
- How can you extend God's unconditional love to the people around you?

Gratitude - Today I am grateful for:

Prayer:

God, I come to you today asking for a fresh understanding of your love. I thank you for your extravagant love which you demonstrated by sending your Son to die for me to forgive my sins. I pray to experience your love in a tangible way, transforming me to become more like you. Show me how I can better love myself and love those around me. I pray to be a vessel, quick to obey, and show your love to the world! Change the way I love, renew the way I love, transform the way I love. Amen!

Read:

- 1 John 4:7-10
- John 13:35
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
- John 3:16
- Mark 12:30-31

Surrender - Today I surrender control of:

Pray - Today I pray for:

Listen - Today God said / showed me:

Through intentional prayer and fasting, we partner with God to develop and sharpen our spiritual discernment. We live in a time where internet accessibility is at an all-time high. It is easy to rely on the ample amount of information that is seemingly at our fingertips. Knowledge, information, and other experiences can be helpful when it comes to learning, creating our own opinions, and making decisions. However, it can be tempting to rely only on what we can see or hear in the natural and negate the spiritual aspect. God teaches us that we are to seek, understand, and rely on the Spirit of God. This allows us to grow in our spiritual discernment to help us understand right from wrong, truth from lies, and spiritual factors that affect our lives. God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge. It is crucial for us to meditate on scripture and spend intentional time to get familiar with His voice. Today, as we acknowledge God as the ultimate source of wisdom, truth, and light we pray that spiritual discernment increases.

- Where do you need an increase of spiritual discernment in your life?
- How can you sharpen your discernment during this time of prayer and fasting?
- How can you impact your sphere of influence through your spiritual discernment?

Gratitude - Today I am grateful for:

Prayer:

Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and truth. I thank you for your Word which I can stand on as I face the situations that surround me. I thank you that in this time of prayer and fasting, I am drawing near to you to lean not on my own understanding, but relying on your ways and your will. I ask that you sharpen my discernment, that you mature me in my faith and my understanding of the Holy Spirit. I pray that as I rely on you, you transform my heart, thoughts, and the lives of those around me for your glory. Amen!

Read:

- 1 Corinthians 2:14
- 1 Kings 3:9
- Ephesians 5:6-10
- Romans 12:2

Surrender - Today I surrender control of:

Pray - Today I pray for:

Listen - Today God said / showed me:

When we ask for wisdom, God listens! Day to day, we face so many challenges and questions; decisions that we must make. Some choices are small, and others have a significant impact on our lives and others around us. We all operate out of free will to make decisions based on many factors that can influence our choices. However, we imagine there have been times in your life, where you either did not have the understanding, information, or insight to make the best decisions. The Bible says that when we ask for wisdom, God responds generously, without reproach. The Holy Spirit is our helper and advantage, giving us insight and guidance in our daily choices and interactions. Today, we ask the Lord for wisdom. We believe there is power in prayer and power in linking our faith to cover our Pastors, Staff, Partners, and our Community. We sit in expectancy for how God will generously respond to these prayers giving us wisdom and direction!

- How have you seen God answer your prayers as you have sought wisdom in your life?
- What decisions are you facing that you need wisdom from God?
- How can you intentionally be praying for your local Church and others around you?

Prayer:

Lord, I thank you that you are a God who listens and responds generously to my prayers. I ask for wisdom. I pray that as I intercede today for Pastors, Staff, Partners, and our Community that you respond quickly and speak to those who need to hear your voice. I pray that as you speak, I will respond in obedience to your voice above all else. Holy Spirit, I thank you that you are my helper and you will guide me when I do not know what to do. I invite you into my heart and my decisions today. You are welcome here, have your way. Amen.

- James 1:5
- Proverbs 2:6-7
- Proverbs 16:16
- Proverbs 19:8

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As we seek divine direction, God will direct our steps. At times, we may have all relied on directions or maps to guide and lead our paths to a new destination. We can have a destination in mind, but without direction to reach our destination we can feel lost. When we choose to acknowledge God in all of our ways by seeking His will, He will provide direction. The Bible says we can trust the Lord to give us vision for our destination. He will also lead our steps with divine direction! As you find yourself seeking divine direction today, spend time in the Word of God. The Word is God breathed, so knowing the Word is knowing God's voice. The more familiar we are with God's voice, the more clarity we have regarding the direction we should go! As we spend time in scripture, we acknowledge that God's ways are higher and that His plans are good. Although we may have a plan to reach our destination, ultimately God is faithful in directing our path! As we hear from Him, we submit and respond with obedient steps.

- Where do you need divine direction and guidance today?
- How do you hear from God?
- How can you incorporate prayer and intentional time with God into your day to cultivate a lifestyle of relying on God for direction in your life?

Gratitude - Today I am grateful for:

Prayer:

God, I thank you for your divine direction that is available to me. I acknowledge you as the Lord of my life. Today, I will submit my directions to you. I repent for times when I have pursued my ways over your ways. I pray that you speak to me today. Show me the way to go and guide my steps. I pray that as you reveal the path ahead of me, that I hear your voice and am quick to obey you. I thank you, for who you are. You are a good father who helps me as I walk in faith. Give me divine direction so I will reach your divine destination for my life. Lead me, guide me, and direct me as I pursue you. Amen!

- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Psalm 32:8
- John 16:13
- Ezra 8:21

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God operates out of abundance! At times, it is easy to fall into fear or worry about the resources and provision we need in our lives. We all have dreams or desires and very real needs that we are believing in God to provide for. We have to fight against the temptation to see the world through a lens of scarcity, and instead lean into the promises of God. God is our provider, He is all-powerful and generous! The Bible says that God will provide for all of our needs and He has unlimited resources, in fact, He is THE source. God loves you, cares for you, and has plans for your future. Ask God to help you to discern between your "needs" and "wants". Trust that God's timing is perfect and rest easy that there is nothing too big or too small for God. By divorcing the lack mindset we remove the cap we have placed on God. Maybe the cap looks like limiting how or when we think God can move, and provide in our lives. Today, we choose to press into knowing and trusting in God's abundance. We ask Him to change our circumstances, provide for us, and help us steward well over what we are given.

- In what ways have you capped God in your life?
- How can you combat lies that you have believed regarding God's stewardship and provision over your life?
- What is God speaking to you about His stewardship and provision?

Gratitude - Today I am grateful for:

Prayer:

Lord, I pray that as I read your Word you will help me understand your abundance and provision for my life. I pray that you will reveal to me the promises that you have for my life. I pray that as I wait for your perfect timing for my needs and desires, that I will grow in relationship with you. Forgive me for putting a cap on what you could do in my life. I trust that you are my provider, you are all powerful, and you are a generous Father. You are worthy of all the glory and honor in my life! Thank you for your stewardship and provision. Amen.

- Philippians 4:19
- Matthew 6:25-26
- 2 Corinthians 9:8

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We have the opportunity to express our love for God through our obedience. In our lives, we have all had times where we may prefer to do things our way opposed to the preferences of others. When we are willing to prioritize the desires of a parent, friend, or loved one over our own desires we display our love for them. Dying to our preferences in exchange for the plans God has for us demonstrates our trust and love for Him. In John 14:21, Jesus says, "the one who loves Me is the one who has My teaching and obeys it." When we walk in relationship with Jesus, we follow His voice out of reverence for His authority in our lives instead of religious duty. We are willing participants in expressing our love through our joyful submission to God's ways. As we focus on our relationship with God, we honor God by submitting our fleshly desires in favor of His holy desires. When we accept Christ, we have access to the Holy Spirit to help us as we work to put aside our preferences for God's perfect preference, and express our love for Him through our willingness and obedience.

- How can you demonstrate your love for God through your willingness and obedience today?
- What is God speaking to you about your willingness and obedience?
- In what areas of your life is it difficult for you to be willing and obedient to what God has spoken?

Gratitude - Today I am grateful for:

Prayer:

Lord, thank you that you are all knowing and that you have my best interests in mind. I put aside my preferences, my flesh, and my desires in exchange for your ways. I pray that I am able to express my love to you by aligning my heart, mind, and actions with your Word and your will for me. I repent for situations where I have been unwilling and disobedient to you. Holy Spirit, I pray you empower me to obey swiftly and joyfully. I submit and I commit my life to you. Change me, renew me, transform me, in your name. Amen!

- Isaiah 1:19
- Jeremiah 7:23
- John 14:21

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Safety and security are found in Jesus. We all need protection and we all wrestle with the human need for safety and security. For some of us, we need security in our identities, callings, or relationships. For others of us, we may need safety and protection physically, in our health, or in our finances. The truth is, we all need covering and we all have access to the protection and security of God. We live in a fallen and broken world and at times, we see and experience suffering that is beyond our understanding. We can rest assured in knowing that despite our circumstances we have safe harbor in the arms of our loving Father, through our relationship with Jesus. Today, we stand on the promises of God. He will uphold us, bring us comfort and peace, and there is nothing that can separate us from His love. We come together, praying for His protection and safety that we find in Jesus. Regardless of the trials we may face, we never face them alone. Next time you find yourself tempted to worry about your situation, find encouragement in the Word of God. Imagine the confidence that we can walk in as we embrace safety and security found in the Lord's ultimate victory and protection over our lives.

- Where do you need to remind yourself of the Lord's ultimate protection in your life?
- Where do you tend to seek protection and security, that is secondary to God?
- How can you encourage others of the protection of God in their situations ?

Gratitude - Today I am grateful for:

Prayer:

God, I love you. I thank you for your unconditional love and protection. I pray that as I encounter trials and tribulations in this world I never forget that you have the ultimate authority and victory in my life. I thank you that I am promised eternal life through your Son, Jesus Christ. Although I may experience things that I do not understand, I thank you that you are a good Father. I pray that you are at work as I seek your Word and your promises to declare life, victory, and protection over my circumstances. I surrender my fears for your peace today. Amen.

- Psalm 91:1-2
- Proverbs 18:10
- Psalm 32:7

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Favor is found through the righteousness of Jesus. We all have found ourselves at one point, admiring a trait in someone else that we desire to see in ourselves. Righteousness is a defining trait that we find in Jesus and that we can observe through the way Jesus lived His life. As we read the gospels we see that Jesus lived a perfect life. Although we are far from perfect, we can inherit the trait of Jesus's righteousness through a relationship with Him. We are promised that when we receive salvation through accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we inherit his perfect righteousness. We are set free from our sin, to inherit eternal life. In our positional righteousness through being in relationship with Jesus we have access to God's favor in our lives. Today, we not only pray for favor with God, we pray for favor with man. Sometimes we need to remind ourselves of the favor we have already experienced to stay expectant of favor for the future. Imagine the impact in the world around you to leave a legacy that is glorifying God through your influence and favor with God and Man.

- How have you seen God's favor in your life?
- What is God speaking to you about how to steward your favor and influence for His glory?
- In what areas are you expecting favor with God and man?

Gratitude - Today I am grateful for:

Prayer:

Lord, I am so grateful for the gift of salvation and righteousness given to me through your Son, Jesus. I acknowledge your goodness that although I have fallen short, you call me righteous and choose to show me your favor and blessings. I pray that I steward over your favor and blessings well. I pray, I listen closely to your instructions and live a life that is reflective of your love and righteousness. I ask for your blessing and favor to equip me to do what you have called me to. I pray that as I walk in your favor, I influence others to seek your face for transformation in Christ. Amen.

- Psalm 5:12
- Psalm 30:5
- Proverbs 8:35

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THE ENCOUNTER

A PRAYER & PRAISE GATHERING

Day 14
Sat, Oct 15

Join us tonight in the main auditorium for a time of prayer and praise. We will be worshipping in unity as we pray and seek God's will for our commitments and the Legacy Journey ahead. Our desire is to encounter God in His Glory and Majesty and know Him for who He is.

6:30 pm

Don't forget, Day 14 devotional on the next page.

Take Note: What do you want to pray about?

We are stronger together! We may have experienced situations in our lives that seemed impossible to conquer on our own but found strength, encouragement, and success with the help of others. Today we intentionally pray for unity in the Church and in the world. God created you specifically, and as we embrace our identities and confidence in Christ, we can call out the gold in others. The Bible is clear that where there is unity there is a commanded blessing. We are more effective and powerful as we come together on one accord. Although your perspectives and backgrounds may be different, you can learn and grow from one another to find strength, accountability, love, and courage to run the race set before you. We pray for unity within the Body of Christ and the world to build each other up pursuing the things of God, because we belong together.

- How is God calling you to pursue unity in the Church and in your relationships?
- How can you lay down your preferences in pursuit of unity?
- What do you need from the people around you to be stronger together?

Prayer:

God, I thank you for unity in my life. I pray against any division within my relationships and in the Body of Christ. I repent for times when I have been at fault in creating division among my family, friends, and the community that you have called me to. Today, I am deciding that I will fight against division. I will seek unity in all that I do. Amen

- 1 Corinthians 1:10
- Colossians 3:13-14
- Psalm 133:1

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The Word of God is a solid foundation that we can trust in! It is a common experience to unknowingly put our trust in someone or something that has let us down. It can be tempting to put up walls, lose trust in others, or even in God, as we experience and process disappointment. We can fight this temptation by standing firm in knowing we can trust the Word of God. The Word of God is alive, active and sharper than any double-edged sword. As we read the Bible we are refined in our hearts and minds through the Holy Spirit. In 1 Peter 1:25 the Bible says, "the Word of the Lord remains forever." Though we may experience disappointment, the Word of God stands outside time and is a source of truth we can stand on. Inspired by God, the Bible can speak to our current situations while giving us context and understanding about the nature and character of God. As we lean into the Word of God today, let us remember that we can trust the promises of God found in the Bible. We entrust the Holy Spirit to guide us as we pursue a deeper knowledge and revelation of how to apply God's Word to our daily situations.

- What is God speaking to you about the power and authority of His Word?
- How can you encourage those around you to utilize the Word of God?
- What does it look like to prioritize spending time reading the Word of God in your daily life?

Gratitude - Today I am grateful for:

Prayer:

Lord, I thank you for your Word. I thank you for the tangible hope I find in the Word of God that speaks to me and is relevant to my current circumstance. Forgive me for not prioritizing your Word as I should. I thank you for your sharpening, that when I might lose sight of your goodness or promises, I am reminded of who you are by reading your Word. I pray that today I build my trust and confidence in you through standing on your promises. Amen.

- Psalm 119:105
- Hebrews 4:12
- Isaiah 52:11

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There is value in vision. At times, we can lose sight of where we are going and find ourselves outside of our original intentions or plans. Have you ever packed for a vacation, only to get to your destination and realize you do not have the exact items you needed? This is a representation of the importance of vision in our faith walk. You have to see it before you see it! We receive vision through prayer and spending time with God in His presence and His Word. The Bible instructs us to write down the vision, and make it plain! In fact, it says, where there is no vision the people perish! We allow God to refine our vision, and align our desires with the Word, and God's will for our lives. It takes faith to trust what God has spoken to us to move forward in obedience and carry the vision God has instructed for our lives. When God speaks to you and gives you a vision for your life, write it down. Speak it out! Our vision is void if we are not listening to God and allowing Him to refine our vision. Once you have clear vision from God, you can clearly move forward in pursuit of the things He has spoken.

- What is God speaking to you about vision in this season?
- How do you personally hear from God?
- Write down the vision God is giving you this year.

Gratitude - Today I am grateful for:

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for the clear vision that you have for my life. I pray that today, you speak clearly to me and I hear and understand the vision that you have for me. I pray that as I move forward in obedience to the things you have called me to, I remember your presence is with me wherever I go. Holy Spirit, lead me and guide me. As I write down my vision, I pray that you refine my imagination, and align my vision with your will for my life. I pray that as I prepare in faith, and see it before I see it, your favor meets my preparation and that it is pleasing to you. Amen.

- Habakkuk 2:2-3
- Matthew 13:16-17
- Proverbs 29:18

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Faith is the standard in our relationship with Jesus! We all have put our hope or trust in something, but where we put our faith matters most. When we put our faith in Jesus, we partner with God in believing what we cannot see. The Bible defines faith in Hebrews 11:1 as "being sure of what we cannot see." When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we do so on faith! We trust in the Word of God, and are filled with the Holy Spirit. Faith becomes the standard of knowing God and seeing Him transform our hearts and lives. We not only have faith in our salvation, but we have faith that God is all-powerful and above all things in our lives. We don't want to just have faith, we want to have crazy faith! Every day is a fresh opportunity to experience God's faithfulness. Today, we are praying for faith in ALL things. It's only crazy, until it happens!

- How has God been faithful in your life?
- What areas of your life do you need God to give you Crazy Faith in?
- How can you impact someone else's life through your faith in God, faith in people, and faith for miracles?

Prayer:

Lord, I thank you for your Son, Jesus. Thank you that, through faith, I am saved. Through our relationship, I can have faith and hope for the future, for things that I do not yet see, in all areas of my life. I repent for times where I have confined my understanding of your power or ability to transform my life. I pray that you remind me of your faithfulness and goodness in all things. I pray that you expand my comprehension of your power. Thank you that you are all-knowing and sovereign and you reign above everything in my life. I pray that as I encounter others today, I can encourage and uplift them through my faith in you. I love you. Amen.

- Hebrews 11:1
- Romans 10:17

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As we grow in our relationship with God we hunger for more of His presence in our lives. When we think of hunger it is easy to think of food. The truth is we all have desires and necessities in this life. Yes, we have physical hunger but also emotional, intellectual, and spiritual hunger. As Jesus walked the earth, he often described Himself as the "bread of life" telling His people that, "whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty". Jesus meets all of our needs. As with any relationship, our relationship with Jesus is a choice, and the desire to pursue a relationship is intentional. With the help of prayer and the Holy Spirit, we progress in our relationship with Jesus by finding our satisfaction in Him. We do not grow stagnant in our relationship as there is always more of God to know, to love, and to experience. When we are content, we are in a dangerous place. It can be tempting when we are satisfied with our relationship with Jesus, to believe the lie that we do not need more of His presence in our lives. By continuing to hunger after more of the Lord we build our relationship with Jesus and choose to pursue life with Him day after day.

- What is one practical step you can take to increase your spiritual hunger for the Lord?
- What has God taught you about spiritual hunger?
- How can walking in a Godly community help cultivate and grow your spiritual hunger?

Gratitude - Today I am grateful for:

Prayer:

Lord, I need you. Help me never forget that all my needs are satisfied by you and you alone. I repent for times when I sought fulfillment outside of you. I pray that today, you stir a new desire and hunger for you. A new hunger for purity, love, patience, generosity, and service. Today, I chose to invest in this relationship to grow with you and to learn more about your goodness and faithfulness. God, I pray to experience more of you. Amen!

- Psalm 42:1-2
- Psalm 63:1
- John 6:36
- John 7:37

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As disciples of Christ, we are called to spread the good news of the gospel leading others to salvation. Jesus calls us all to follow Him as He came to save all of humanity. We are created in God's image and carry a unique reflection of our Creator. Because we live in a sinful and fallen world, we all need and receive salvation through God's grace and not through our works. When we come into a relationship with Jesus, we are made new. The Bible says that Jesus came to find and save all those who are lost. We are invited to partner with God to stand in the gap and pray for those around us who do not know Jesus. We are called to testify of God's goodness and share our transformation in Christ with others. As we partner with God we build His kingdom with eternal impact in mind. The reflection of God in us and the power of our testimony is able to impact those around us. Our progression and not perfection allows us to be H.O.T. (humble, open, and transparent) and share what God is doing in our hearts. As we live authentically for Christ we invite others to do the same by receiving salvation and experiencing God's grace and love in their own lives. Revival starts with us!

- How has God saved you and transformed your life?
- Write down and pray for those in your life who are lost or far from Christ.
- How can you bring revival to your sphere of influence?

Gratitude - Today I am grateful for:

Prayer:

Lord, I thank you for your saving grace. I thank you for the gift of salvation through your Son, Jesus Christ. Today, I stand in the gap praying that you will soften the hearts of those who are lost and far from you. No one is too far from your love to be touched and transformed by you. I believe in faith that those in my life that do not know you, will come to a relationship with you! I pray that I may re-present you well with all that I do. I will testify of your glory and praise your name. Revive me, so I may be a part of bringing revival to others. Amen!

- Matthew 9:37-38
- John 6:44
- Luke 19:10

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Prayer is our weapon when it comes to fighting very real, but unseen and spiritual battles! We live in a fast-paced world and when we face challenges it can be our tendency to seek practical or non-spiritual solutions to our problems. As prayer becomes your secret sauce, we encourage you to have prayer be your first response! We pray about everything! At times, our battles are not just practical, mental, or emotional, but spiritually rooted. The Bible says in Ephesians 6:12, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world's darkness, and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." We do not need to fear, as we walk in the victory of Jesus Christ as He already conquered death through His resurrection. We live in the tension of knowing we have the ultimate victory in Jesus while still fighting off attacks of the enemy on this earth. We are equipped with the Holy Spirit, prayer, and the Word of God. The Bible is filled with truth and promises of God to fight back in the Spirit and to push forward the will of God through our prayers.

- How is God asking you to fight spiritually for His will in this world and your life?
- How can you intercede and pray against spiritual warfare in the lives of those around you?
- How have you experienced victory in Jesus?

Gratitude - Today I am grateful for:

Prayer:

Lord, I repent for times when I searched for earthly solutions to spiritual problems. I pray that you sharpen my discernment when it comes to spiritual matters. I pray you would heighten my awareness of spiritual attacks and of the resources that you have equipped me with to fight and win spiritual battles. Thank you that no weapon formed against me shall prosper! I pray that you intervene on my behalf and the behalf of my loved ones. I pray against any attack of the enemy over my mind, my health, and my spirit. I am claiming victory and protection in Jesus' name. Amen!

- Ephesians 6:10-12
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
- Isaiah 54:17

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As believers, we are called to be holy which means that we are set apart from the ways of the world. Where we stand today is holy ground because the presence of God dwells with us and in us. At times we all question our worth or importance, but as we rest in God's love and redemption we are whole. We are purified through His righteousness and made perfect despite our inequities. Philippians 3:20 says that we are citizens of heaven. We carry an eternal perspective when we are on this earth which dictates our actions. When we walk in faith, we stand firm in knowing that we are called to live differently from the world because God has called us to a life of holiness that honors Him. You are not your past, you are not your sin, or your mistakes because of the work that Jesus did on the cross. Jesus is holy and as the Spirit of the living God dwells within us, we are propelled into a life of holiness that declares, "here is holy", regardless of the circumstance.

- How is God showing you that where you are, is holy ground?
- What does it mean to acknowledge God's holiness in you and around you?
- How can you live your life set apart for God's glory?

Gratitude - Today I am grateful for:

Prayer:

Lord, I declare, here is holy! I pray that today, I find new revelation in your Word and in my surroundings. I seek to see your presence in all that I do. I pray that you grow my understanding and awareness of what it means to be holy. I pray to live a life that is set apart and marked by your goodness, faithfulness, and for your glory. I pray that you help me re-present you to show others what it looks like to walk in obedience to you. I love you and I invite you to do a deep work in me. Thank you, that because you dwell in me, here is holy. Amen.

- 1 Peter 1:16
- Acts 7:33
- Philippians 3:20
- Exodus 3:4-5

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Thank you for taking this journey with us. We pray that you have discovered Jesus, know God in a deeper way, and are further along on your personal journey to become a better disciple of Christ.

Your prayer journey should not end here. We encourage you to continue seeking God in all you do. Prayer is vital for your relationship with Him so that you can grow in faith and wisdom. Intentionally encounter God daily and He will meet you right where you are.



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