



Week 2: GOING WITHOUT FOOD? ARE YOU SERIOUS, NOW?

God invites you and I to pray. And He makes it clear that our prayers matter.....They make a difference!

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 I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

IF I Believe Prayer is Effective...

IF I Believe Prayer can REALLY change something!

Then I should GIVE MYSELF to it!

I should be PASSIONATE about it

And it's that PASSION that causes me to do RADICAL THINGS....like FAST!

Jesus was led by the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. ² For forty days and forty nights He fasted and became very hungry. Matthew 4:1-2

Jesus understood there was power that would be unleashed in His life when He fasted!

It's important for us to understand the foundation that underlies the discipline of fasting...Fasting does not increase our brownie points with God!! Fasting does not automatically mean we will receive whatever it is we're praying for! Fasting is not the "Golden Ticket" of prayer!

Fasting is simply an avenue through which we are reminded to pray

OUR RELASTIONSHIP WITH GOD IS NOT TRANSACTIONAL

God's invitation to us is to pray **EARNEST** Prayers

God's invitation to us is to pray **PASSIONATE** Prayers

God's invitation to us is to pray **FAITH-FILLED** Prayers

God's invitation to us is to pray **AUDACIOUS** Prayers

For further reflection this week:

- When we get serious about praying BREAKTHROUGH prayers, There is a fervency, an increase in the POWER OF OUR PRAYERS
- Sometimes the results of our EARNEST, PASSIONATE, FAITH-FILLED, AUDACIOUS prayer includes results we would not have experienced if we had not prayed with FAITH & EXPECTANCY.

How to receive the rescue of Jesus:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, have been in darkness and need the LIGHT of Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Jesus, I have been lost in deep darkness and need you to rescue me. I have done things I need your forgiveness of; I have lived in separation from you and need you to reconcile us. You died and rose from the dead, so I know you can do this in my life. I receive you as my rescuing savior and put my faith in you as my Lord. Help me to live for you in the light from this day forward. In your name, amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "LIGHT" to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.

Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].
Reverend Chris Conrad, Interim Senior Pastor. January 9, 2022
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22 Days of BREAKTHROUGH in 2022

Things to be praying for:

- Pray for our men's outreach to the Kewanee men's correctional facility.
 - Pray for our outreach to Jefferson Elementary school
- Pray for the individuals presently serving as the Local Board of Administration that Holy Spirit would give them wisdom and insight: Betsey Morthland, Timi Olutade, Benjamin Woomer, David O'Connell (Vice Chairperson), Chris Conrad (acting chair)
- Pray for the individuals serving on the Pastoral Search Team that Holy Spirit would give them unusual amounts of discernment: Matt Fry, Rena Gainey, Terrina Gosa. Craig Hollenbeck, Ruth Olutade & Elise Voth
- Pray for the Heritage staff (<https://www.heritageqc.com/team>) that God will help equip the congregation of Heritage to do the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4)
- Pray for the marriages at Heritage. Pray that God will allow those who call Heritage home to experience significant growth in their marriages in 2022 and that the enemy would not have the opportunity to cause division in marriage relationships

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BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER & WORSHIP

**Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ Bridgepointe 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
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