

Daniel Fast Prayer Focus: Week 2

A message from Pastor Shellie Sampson III

Hi family, welcome to week 2 of our fasting prayer season. As we have reflected upon deepening our intimacy with God and increasing our perseverance in getting to 'know' and 'reflect' Him in our personal lives, family, & relationship with God over the past week of this fast, we should refine and adjust our mindset and ways to better align with the righteousness or the 'ways' of God. This week we begin to apply what we've heard from God and learned in prayer last week and begin to stand in the gap for our church and its ministries. As we look ahead, we would like to pray for our continued building renovations and our desire to have a greater intensity of the presence and power of God in our services and ministry events.

This year our focus is on being a church where people come and experience the liberating power of the Holy Spirit. This is only obtainable if we are all on one accord in our pursuit of God. Growing in the application of spiritual disciplines to the point where we increase our ability to see God's will accomplished and manifested in our lives and the lives of those who we encounter.

Let's focus together and join in prayer for the people of our church to be faithful in their ability to develop greater personal intimacy with God, increased serving, helping, and giving for a greater move of God among us. We're praying for greater faith to bind and dispel all forms of spiritual fear and liberate from anxiety. This year our desire is to see greater faith demonstrated in greater loyalty to being a part of a greater fire and unified atmosphere. An intense atmosphere filled with God's presence brings liberty and sets the foundation for deliverance and an increase in 'Faith In God'.

We are praying this week for wisdom and discernment in the use of our resources of time, finances, ministry involvement, and personal interactions. We are also asking God to reveal the overall provision and needs of the church that we may move beyond ourselves to have a greater missions impact in the community and the world. We're looking to God to reveal to us the mysteries we need to understand and perceive in order to experience Him in a greater way, more powerfully, as we proceed through this new year. Let's continue to intentionally cultivate a genuine Jesus culture, Holy Spirit liberating atmosphere, and kingdom of God community.

Week 2 – Cultivating Intentionality

Daily Prayer points for this week:

1. Prayer for Discernment, Persistence, Loyalty, and a deeper walk in the Spirit of God
2. Prayer For Faithful Consistent Workers & Supporters of the Ministry
3. Prayer for Perseverance & Strength To follow-through. Commitment & Reliability
4. Changes in Mindset To Overcome Fear & Anxiety, unwillingness
5. Prayer For Greater love for the brethren, A Fresh & Brighter, Positive Perspective & Zeal

Sun. Day 8 – Colossians 3:1-2 ³ Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² ^[a] Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

Mon. Day 9 – Deuteronomy 6:4-5

⁴ “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Tues. Day 10 – James 1:12 ¹² Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has ^[a] been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.

Weds. Day 11 – Lamentations 3:22-23

²² The LORD’s loving kindnesses ^[a] indeed never cease,
For His compassions never fail.

²³ *They* are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.

Thurs. Day 12 – John 15:13

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

Fri. Day 13 – Luke 9:23

²³ And He was saying to *them* all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

Sat. Day 14 - John 8:12

¹² Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”