

## **WEEK 3 - SUSTAINING AND RENEWING!**

### **A Message From Pastor Shellie Sampson III**

Hi Celebration Family, congratulations on reaching week 3 our final week. The key purpose for this season of fasting prayer is that we would be aligned with the each other in unity as we serve the Lord as those called by God to this church. Like those in the Upper Room in Acts 2; we would like to see God use us in a greater capacity as a church to establish an environment more powerful than our previous years. Our desire is to see more people saved, delivered, and set free. Everything that has life will grow as long as it remains healthy. We want our church to continue to grow, not just in numbers but in maturity. It is our desire to see everyone become more effective at carrying out their part of the 'Great Commission' Jesus established in Matthew 28. God is holding everyone who comes to Christ to this standard and mission. It is our desire to see everyone in our church operate at their best and fullest capability.

As we persevere, I want to thank you for staying the course and praying through with us through this growth season. One of the biggest challenges many of us face is being able to stay faithful and committed to PRAYER as we fast. While many people worry about what their allowed to eat or not, Prayer gets overlooked. This is a lack of spiritual maturity and discipline. This can only be overcome as we learn the word of God and apply His principles daily. The more we become doers of the word the more we mature. This is where we grow by being a worshipper, prayer, or reflecting upon the word of God. The Lord has also given us additional tools. They are the tools of 'Fellowship, Communion, & Counsel. When our minds are carnal and our heart and mind become spiritually unstable, we must surround ourselves with those who are able to minister to us by upholding us in prayer, the teaching or reminding us of the word, and covering us with the presence and Spirit of the Lord while imparting His strength to us. This is combined with encouraging words and motivating acts of righteousness.

These forms of motivation impart the Light of Christ to us causing us to become better doers of the Word and kingdom replicators. As we experience this type of move of God in the midst of us it leads to our being motivated to testify of our experiences in order to be an example to others and leading them to Christ. This is what our focus is to be throughout this year in order for us to dispel fear, anxiety, intimidation, and mature to a new level of kingdom effectiveness through our won-by-one ministry as God once again opens doors for us to grow and be His witnesses to the world.

**Daily Prayer points for this week:** (Please Pray Daily)

1. Pray That Each Person Coming To Church Will Come Spiritually Prepared To Engage In Worship & Ready To Learn To Apply Biblical Principles For A Renewed Mind.
2. As A Church We Will Be Encouragers, Motivators, & Light Givers
3. Pray That we will Be a Godly Witness, Testify, & Role Models of God's Kingdom
4. Pray That we will Win, Build Up, & Equip Those Closest To us. (Home, Work, Community)
5. Pray That God will Use Us To Win Souls As We Tell What He Has Done And Is Doing Around And Through Us.
6. Ask God For Souls. Let This Be The Year You Lead Several People To Christ.

**PLEASE READ ONE VERSE EACH DAY AND PRAY ACCORDING TO THE ABOVE 5 POINTS.**

**SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR EACH DAILY VERSE.**

## Sun – Day 15 Romans 12:2

<sup>2</sup>And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

## Mon – Day 16 Titus 3:5

He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

## Tues - Day 17 Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

## Wed – Day 18 2 Corinthians 4:16

Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

## Thurs – Day 19 Isaiah 46:4

Even to *your* old age I will be the same,  
And even to *your* graying years I will bear *you*!  
I have done *it*, and I will carry *you*;  
And I will bear *you* and I will deliver *you*.

## Fri – Day 20 Psalm 73:26

My flesh and my heart may fail,  
But God is the <sup>[a]</sup>strength of my heart and my portion forever.

## Sat – Day 21 Colossians 2:10

And in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;