



NAVIGATE

August 23, 2020
Part 1 – Prayer & Fasting
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Matthew 17:18-21 *And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.*

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”

So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.” (NKJV)

Luke 5:15-16 *But despite Jesus’ instructions, the report of his power spread even faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases. But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer. (NLT)*

Warning!

1. Don’t make this season _____! It is always about _____!

Matthew 26:39 *He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” (NLT)*

2. Pray through _____ to set aside your desires! Follow _____!

Matthew 26:42 *Then Jesus left them a second time and prayed, “My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done.” (NLT)*

I. Jesus expects His followers to _____!

- _____ on the _____
 - “When you _____...”
 - “When you _____...”
 - “When you _____...”

Matthew 6:16-17 *“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.” (NLT)*

II. Prayer and Fasting is _____.

Matthew 6:18 *“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.” (NLT)*

III. Prayer and Fasting prepares you for _____!

Matthew 4:1-4 *Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”*

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

IV. Prayer and Fasting touches the _____.

Jonah 3:4-5 *On the day Jonah entered the city, he shouted to the crowds: “Forty days from now Nineveh will be destroyed!” The people of Nineveh believed God’s message, and from the greatest to the least, they declared a fast and put on burlap to show their sorrow. (NLT)*

Jonah 3:10 *When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened. (NLT)*

V. Prayer and Fasting _____.

Esther 4:16 *“Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.”*

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Commitment: 1. _____ of fasting and prayer!

- From August 24 – October 2
2. All Church Prayer Meeting
- Friday, August 28

All scripture references are NIV unless otherwise noted.

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