

40 Days of Prayer and Fasting

November 9th

Daily Devotional #40!!!

We Are in the Season of DEDICATION

As We Ask, "What Is GOD Preparing Us/for Us to Do?"

*Now to Him who by the power at work within us
is able to accomplish abundantly far more
than all we can ask or imagine,
to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations, forever and ever!
Amen!*

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NRSV)

This is it...

This is Day 40 of our 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting.

What a journey it has begun!

As we conclude our journey through 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting, we are beginning our new-again, dedicated and rededicated life of Kingdom Living – saying “Yes!” to GOD at every turn, and even before we begin turning the pages of His perfect Word to us.

We are His ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20). We are His children (Ephesians 5:1, Luke 15). We are made by Him – a masterpiece of His (Ephesians 2:10), treasured by Him (Zephaniah 3:17; John 3:16). He is with us (Psalm 46:11; Matthew 1:23). He is our fortress (Psalm 46:11), our Shepherd (Psalm 23:1), our help (Psalm 63:7), our loving Father (1 John 3:1)... and He shapes us and empowers us (Romans 12:1-2; Isaiah 64:8; Ephesians 2:10 & 3:20-21)...

What an incredible calling we have and continue to receive! We are GOD’s representatives of grace and presence of active love in this world and on this earth (2 Corinthians 5:17-18). We are His royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9) and we are to “declare the praises of Him who called (us) out of darkness into His wonderful light!!!”

That is who – and whose – we are! And it is who we need to purposefully dedicate ourselves to becoming!

It is time for us to venture into GOD’s future as His people, His chosen representatives and presence. Western Hillers... suit up!!!

And just so we know “how” to do this, I’ve asked one of my favorite royal priest’s to pen our transitional devotional – the last in the 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting, but the first in our continuing mission and adventure with and through GOD!

Read, meditate, and enjoy all that we have and all that we are (and are becoming)!

Several months ago my Dad and I spoke at Table about a conversation I had with my company’s Executive Coach, David. The conversation was about being a “Bulldog” and owning my role as the CEO’s Executive Assistant. It was about standing in a place of ownership with the authority I have through my position, in representation of our CEO. A few days later I shared this conversation with my Dad. The more we spoke about it, the more we realized how align my role as an Executive Assistant is with our role as Followers. Think about it...

As an Executive Assistant, my job is to represent my company’s CEO. I represent him in everything I do, in every interaction I have, whether at work or anywhere else. I am to know him better than he knows himself. His likes, his dislikes, what he needs to be successful, how he wants me to communicate his needs to others. I am to use his authority to help get things done, to help make the company successful. I am his extension, his representative, and I am charged to do this with grace and strength. Isn’t that exactly what we are supposed to do as Followers of God? Isn’t our goal as Followers to know God inside and out? To know the Bible inside and out? To know how He wants us to communicate with others on His behalf? To be His representative to the best of our ability?

To me, this exactly what being Transformed for Kingdom living is all about. To live our lives, daily, out of devotion and dedication to God. So that we may be granted the grace, the joy, the power of Heaven. And what if we do that with the mindset of a Bulldog? What if we do this with His authority? What if we stand in a place of ownership in relationship with Him, with great grace and strength? What if we use His lessons to teach others about the power of a relationship with God?

What a beautiful thought this is. How powerful could this be? If we, as Followers and as a Church Family, stand in ownership of our relationship with God and in His authority bring the good news of Jesus to those around us. And in every situation that we are in, represent Him to the best of our ability. To be in this world, but not of this world. To have our eyes set so tightly on Heaven that our relationship with God is our #1 priority. How powerful could this be?

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