

40 Days of Prayer and Fasting

October 4th

Daily Devotional #4

This morning's devotional is borne of thoughts Carrie & Doc Hays shared with me (via email) yesterday morning (see their thoughts below). As I read their email, I was reminded of something Paul wrote to the Ephesians...

¹⁸ I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of HIS glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and HIS incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of HIS mighty strength... (1:18-19)

It strikes me that Doc & Carrie are very correct! The great hope we have is good reason, strong reason for us to be grateful... to pray with determined gratitude... to thank GOD for the **glorious inheritance** we have been gifted with along with all the saints of GOD! But the hope we have is not only for the future, it is also for now! In the "now" we have the sure knowledge, the peace of our glorious inheritance **and** we have been gifted "**HIS incomparably great power for us who believe.**" GOD's plan is to work in and through HIS people and HE equips and empowers them (us!) to do HIS great work! In our 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting let's remember GOD's desire and promise to work powerfully in us and through us... that gives me great hope for today – and tomorrow!

Keep praying and fasting and sharing, WHers! We have so much to hope for and reason to hope in HIM. Together we shall learn and be blessed!!!

Danny

Carrie and I (started) our fast upon arising Friday AM and will break our fast with a breakfast of thanksgiving on Saturday. Our focus is upon our gratitude of God's promise and gift of HOPE.

This brings the focus of gratitude for Carrie's and my prayer for the congregation. Though we live the Drama of life here on this earth, we have the hope and promise of life ever after. Our congregation is together in the hope of the reality of peace. Our stories intertwine in caring, giving, work, grace. We tell each other we are not alone... that we are learning the story of how to live, to love.

Thanks be to God for the story and gift of hope! This is our gratitude and our future...

In Him,

Carrie & Doc Hays