

40 Days of Prayer and Fasting

October 22nd

Daily Devotional #22

We Are in the Season of Listening

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

Yesterday afternoon, then again in the evening, I received incredible emails from Family members on the subject of Listening. After reading them, I knew they needed to be shared with the WH Family! So, I’m “rescheduling” parts two and three of “An introduction to Listening” to tomorrow (part two) and Saturday (part three). Friday’s Daily Devotional shares an experience with Listening for and receiving GOD’s direction (Michele Thompson), and today’s Daily Devotional is from Karen Strong. She is reflecting on Ladies Bible Study from 2003 where she shared the following prayer with the ladies.

I challenge us all to stop whatever we are doing, find a quiet place, and pray this prayer.

Deepest Blessings... df

(the following is an email, in its entirety (used by permission), I received from Karen Strong yesterday a few minutes before noon)

Hi, Danny,

Your devotion today reminded me of something from 2003. In July of that year, I taught a ladies class on the subject of being still and waiting on God.

As a part of that lesson, I handed out a bookmark with a prayer on it, encouraging those in the class to put it in their Bibles and read it at the beginning of their own Bible study and prayer.

Here is that bookmark prayer:

Gracious Lord,

I am intentionally
stilling my physical and mental activity
in order to place myself
in Your hands.

I am consciously making my body
rest in Your Presence.

I am halting all the busyness

of my hands and feet.
I am waiting in Your Presence
for Your decisions, actions, steps.

I am forcing my mind to focus on You
and Your awesome power and love.
I am putting all my worries, all my fears,
all my self-justification aside.
All the self-talk, all the mental chatter
is stopped for me to meditate on Your love for me
and the safety of Your wisdom.

I am being still because I know that
my frantic actions and thoughts
serve only to distance me
from You and Your Peace.

I am waiting like a child in full confidence
that You, Father,
know what is best for me.
I rest in the security that You always
work things together for good
for those who love
You.

I breathe in Your Peace,
knowing that You can do immeasurably more
than I ask or imagine.
I rest in You,
and in my weakness,
Your strength is made perfect.
I wait for Your solutions
that come in Your time.

I pray all these things
through the name of your Son,
who showed us
Your wisdom and love and power,
AMEN.