

Fasting Series
Part One
NN Campus
01/12/19

Opening

- Pastor David work anniversary...and Jemal birthday...
- Christmas gift for Cherished...
- Faith Promise coming on the 19th...next week...
- will do part two Fasting next week...
- Joint Service 1/26
- Then final two sermons on the Holy Spirit first two weeks of February...
- PRAY

Introduction

- Pathways**...(talk a little about our discipleship model)
- met with someone just this week about how Praxis is changing their life in dramatic ways...don't force God to extremes to get your attention!!!
- many different ways to fast...but a food based fast is especially effective!
- Isaiah 58:6-8 (NKJV)
- (read definition on screen)**
- Let's look at this verse through the insight and wisdom of **Doctor Elmer Towns**...who wrote the book Fasting For Spiritual Breakthrough.
- 10 Questions** (fasting with the proper context)
 - Isaiah 58:3-5
 - Matthew 6:6-18 (reference)
 - Ten questions...

Humanity

-Romans 7:21-25

-fasting is a critical part of us finding victory over our human nature!

-Who we are today is the seed of what we will ultimately become!

-Leviticus 23:26-32 (“deny yourselves” includes a fast)

-Now that I walk in the perpetual atonement of Christ, I should practice fasting so that I can appropriate all the power of Christ within me as I resist my humanity!

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Circumstances

-1 Thessalonians 5:18 (reference)

-Romans 5:3-5

-Before summer, I hope to get into a series that talks about what I believe is God’s design on this temporal world and our time here...a comparative experience, The Virology of Humanity...

-Some suffering is for our good but some suffering must be resisted and in fasting you find the power to endure OR the discernment and strength to overcome!!!

-Ezra 8:21-23

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Evil

-Michael Heiser (with disclaimer)

-Ephesians 6:10-12

- Not everything that is evil is a presence
- Much of our struggle is our Humanity
- But Scripture clearly speaks to the presence of evil

-the “breastplate” of righteousness **(read screen)**

-2 Corinthians 5:21

-2 Peter 1:5-7

-fasting is essential for the building up of our righteousness which according to Paul and the Holy Spirit who inspired him...is essential in our fight against evil!

Purpose

-somebody say, “I have a purpose.”

-Matthew 11:28-30

-But there is more!

- “phortion” (for-tee’-on) is a Greek word that is used for the cargo of a ship...
- Acts 27:10 (reference)

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-how is this connected to fasting?

-When Jesus talked about being “yoked” He was using language common to them that referred to a Rabbi’s interpretation of the Law...

-Fasting as a Pathway like all others is the practical obedience to Jesus’ 6 Commands... one of them being to Follow Jesus!

-You cannot truly follow Him unless you are “yoked” to Him...and when you are “yoked” to Him, He will lead you to your purpose and calling!!!!

Band

-**20/20 Vision** in 2014...fall of 2015 Praxis 9...fall of 2015 miracle service...launch of SFK in January of 2016.

-the quarters...asking you to join us in running after our dream of seeing a church, this church, be a place where harmony is created, not uniformity...churches need to stop working towards secular uniformity and understand and work towards Biblical unity!

-“When diversity is celebrated, harmony is established, and unity is achieved.” Chris House

Close

-decide in moment...