

# Yes, Lord!

FAST AND PRAY 40

## *OUR CALL TO PRAY*

The first thing Jesus did when he began his ministry was to go into the desert, fasting and praying for forty days. Prayer was His constant companion, from that desert to the cross.

Last Fall, we were led by the Holy Spirit to fast and pray as a church in 2017, and during that time to wait on the Lord and listen for His voice. Today, we find ourselves in a time of unexpected transition and exciting opportunity. The Lord knew and began last year preparing us for this time.

## *YES, LORD. 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting*

We believe strongly that we are to make a commitment, as a church, to fast and pray for 40 days, beginning September 24. Our specific purpose is to be obedient to pray and hear the voice of the Lord. His is the voice we seek first in this time of transition. The much larger call is to pray and He leads us into the greater Kingdom things ahead in our individual lives, in our families, in this church, and in the world.

When God calls, he is looking for "Yes, Lord" people. That is who we are. We seek the opportunity, the blessing, and the assurance of His will. When He asks, "Will you...," we long to say, "Yes, Lord."

## *WHAT DOES THE 40 DAYS LOOK LIKE*

You are asked to do three things between September 24 and November 3.

1. Pray and seek the Lord as He has called us to do.
2. Fast in a manner that is appropriate for you, in response to how the Holy Spirit leads you.
3. Pray in your life group each week during the 40 days.

While we are not asking you to fast food for forty days, please consider what you might fast during all or part of the 40 days. Fasting is a private matter and we respect that for each person.

Each morning during the 40 days we will be sending an email or text with a scripture and prayer focus for you to use that day. We have many intercessors who will be offering guidance during this time, however it is on each of us, to act and do what we believe is the best way to draw close in prayer and say, Yes, Lord.

We will also be setting up a communication method to provide a way for you to share what you hear, should you choose to.

More details will be coming about this church-wide commitment. We have chosen Mission Sunday, September 24, as a powerful and important day to begin our forty days of prayer and fasting.

## *GOD HONORS CORPORATE PRAYER*

God's most powerful weapon on the earth is a community of believers praying together. For them, nothing is impossible.

For us, this is way bigger than simply who will fill the pulpit. It is about the work that many hands have done during the 60 years of this church, and what many more hands will do in the days ahead.

Jesus sits today in the throne room of heaven interceding for us. He still prays. "Yes, Lord!"

Because we follow Jesus.

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