wave church ✕ devotional

21 DAYS

OF PRAYER AND FASTING

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THE PRESENCE + POWER OF GOD
SALVATION
THE NEXT GENERATION

THIS DEVOTIONAL BELONGS TO

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START DATE

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Psalm 17:6

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us for 21 days of prayer and fasting. Over the next 21 days, we will be praying and believing to see miracles take place. We are asking you to choose any three consecutive days within this time to fast. The miracles and breakthroughs we are praying for are both corporate and individual.

Personally, start with a clear goal. Be specific. Why are you fasting? Do you need direction, healing, restoration of marriage or family issues? Are you facing financial difficulties? Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance as you pray daily and read the Bible.

Corporately, you will see some of the things we are believing for as a church outlined in the pages of this devotional. Begin to pray that we would see a fresh move of God in our services; that the presence and power of God would be so evident in all we do throughout 2023. Pray for salvation – in our weekly services, youth and young adult services, and kids' classes. Let's believe for salvations in our personal conversations, work places, and families. Lastly, join us as we pray for the next generation; pray for young people to encounter Jesus in a real way, for leaders to have wisdom and creativity as they disciple, and for more young people to find themselves and their families planted in the house of God.

We believe these 21 days of prayer and fasting are going to be instrumental in all that God wants to do this year – in your life personally and throughout all the initiatives of Wave Church!

HOW TO FAST

HOW TO BEGIN

With this daily devotional, you will be given different topics and scriptures each day. Carving out a specific time to spend with God and having a physical list in front of you to pray over will motivate you to keep going when it seems impossible! Pray for what you are believing for personally, as well as the things we are believing for together as Wave Church.

PREPARING SPIRITUALLY

Be honest with God. Let Him know where you need help. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas of weakness. Invite Him to challenge and change you over the course of your fast. Watch as He expands your vision and strengthens your faith.

DECIDING WHAT TO FAST

Fasting is about giving something up for a time in order to seek God in a deeper way. It's not about losing weight; it's about gaining vision! The type of fast you choose is up to you. Whether you choose to follow biblical examples and give up food or apply the same principle to other areas of life like TV or social media, we believe that as you remove distractions you will hear from God in a clearer way. Before making any drastic dietary changes, please consult with your healthcare professional.

DECIDING HOW LONG

Fasting is not an obligation; it's an opportunity to go deeper in our walk with God. Use wisdom and pray for guidance. We are committing to 21 days of prayer, and within those 21 days, pick three consecutive days to fast.

WHAT TO EXPECT

When you fast, your body detoxifies, eliminating toxins from your system. This can cause mild discomfort such as headaches and irritability during withdrawal from caffeine and sugars. And naturally, you will have hunger pains. Limit your activity and exercise moderately. Take time to rest. Fasting brings about miraculous results. You are following Jesus' example when you fast. Spend time listening to praise and worship. Pray as often as you can throughout the day. Get away from the normal distractions as much as possible and keep your heart and mind set on seeking God.

HOW TO S.O.A.P

S — SCRIPTURE

Which verse stood out to you?

Open your Bible to your reading for the day. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.

O — OBSERVATION

What is God saying to you?

What do you feel God is saying to you in this scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you.

A — APPLICATION

How can you apply it today?

Personalize what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write how this scripture can apply to you today.

P — PRAYER

Ask God to help you use what you've learned.

This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this scripture, or even a prayer for a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out.

HOW TO PRAY

ADORATION

A

Tell God how much you appreciate Him.

This is a great way to begin your prayer time. Tell God how much you appreciate Him. Express your love for Him. Praise His power and majesty. You should never run out of praise.

CONFESSION

C

Tell God where you have fallen short.

Tell God where you have fallen short. Be specific. Thank Him for the forgiveness you have in Christ and ask for help and strength to turn away from future temptations.

THANKSGIVING

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Express gratitude for what He's doing in your life.

We have so much to be thankful for. Thank God for His love, His faithfulness, His patience. Express gratitude for what He's doing in your life.

SUPPLICATION

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Share your desires with God.

Share your desires with God, no matter how big or small they may seem. Nothing is too big or too small for God. He cares about every detail of your life. Pray for your own needs and for the needs of others.

WEEK

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THE PRESENCE + POWER OF GOD

DEVOTIONAL

DAY ONE

"I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me. I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night, but even in darkness I cannot hide from you."

Psalm 139:7-12

Have you ever been in the presence of someone that you simply cannot get enough of? They have the ability to change a room just by walking in it, and make life seem easy in the way they bring their laughter, a smile, their ability to connect with others...they have IT! Times that you enter into a room where they are missing, it's felt.

The same is true for those of us who like to run at a pace in life that creates little to no margins for rest and quiet. When we choose to go about our days without carrying and inviting the Holy, unchanging, ever-present, presence and power of God along, there's an absence and you FEEL IT! The pressures, offense, stress and worries of this life will come, and we could easily tap out before this year even gets off to a good start.

It's up to us to guard against our tendency to be overfamiliar with God's presence and power, and rather intentionally familiarize ourselves with how to tap into it daily. When we do this, we become those people that have IT.

This year, there will be marker moments woven throughout your days, where you identify and know the absolute presence and power of God is at work in your life by simply making room. Allow His presence to set the tone for everything you find yourself walking in and rely on His mighty power to carry you through.

DAY TWO

PRAY FOR GOD'S POWER AND PRESENCE TO FILL OUR SERVICES

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

Matthew 18:20

S - SCRIPTURE

O - OBSERVATION

A - APPLICATION

P - PRAYER

DAY THREE

PRAY FOR GOD'S POWER AND PRESENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40: 29-31

S - SCRIPTURE

O - OBSERVATION

A - APPLICATION

P - PRAYER

GOD IS
LOVE

DAY FOUR

PRAY FOR GOD'S POWER AND PRESENCE IN RELATIONSHIPS

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

1 John 4:16

S - SCRIPTURE

O - OBSERVATION

A - APPLICATION

P - PRAYER

DAY FIVE

PRAY FOR GOD'S POWER AND PRESENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

S - SCRIPTURE

O - OBSERVATION

A - APPLICATION

P - PRAYER

DAY SIX

PRAY FOR GOD'S POWER AND PRESENCE WITH THOSE YOU LEAD

We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy.

Colossians 1:11

S - SCRIPTURE

O - OBSERVATION

A - APPLICATION

P - PRAYER

DAY SEVEN

PRAY FOR GOD'S POWER AND PRESENCE IN AREAS WE NEED BREAKTHROUGH

O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!

Jeremiah 32:17

S - SCRIPTURE

O - OBSERVATION

A - APPLICATION

P - PRAYER

BE STRONG AND COURAGEDUS

WEEK

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SALVATION

DEVOTIONAL

DAY EIGHT

"God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:4

Six years after moving into my first house, I finally convinced my wife that we "needed" a riding lawn mower for my 1/4-acre lot. I realize that may sound ridiculous, but there is nothing worse than the combination of the North Carolina summer heat and gnats!

I quickly jumped online and found a used one and immediately left to go pick it up. By the time I was going to arrive at the seller's house it was going to be dark, and he asked me if I was okay with that. I wanted to help him feel at ease, so I told him, "I am a pastor and a pretty upstanding guy... I'm comfortable with it if you are."

The whole way there, I kept thinking, maybe I shouldn't have painted myself to be such an easy target... What if this guy robbed me or something crazy? It turns out he was just a normal guy selling a lawn mower who had, in the last few months, been through one of the hardest times of his life...

As we were walking up to his house, he points to two trucks in his driveway. He says, "The old one there is mine, and that new one is my son's. He died just a couple of months ago in a motorcycle accident. He was only 26." My heart sank. I couldn't imagine one of my children dying at such a young age. Not wanting to press the matter, I simply gave my condolences and told him I was sorry for his loss.

But, as we were packing up the mower, he says to me, "Did you say you are a pastor?" I nodded my head, and with tears swelling up in his eyes he says, "Do you think that there is a chance that I will ever see my son, again?"

Honestly, at the moment he asked that question, a thousand different things ran through my head... What do I say? Did his son know Jesus? Did he ever commit his life to God?
So, I said the only thing I thought right to say... ABSOLUTELY!

He looked at me and said, "Really?" and for the next five minutes I had the opportunity to share the gospel with this man. He told me that he "had heard that even criminals could go to heaven?" See, he was not a man of faith. He told me he had never even considered it, but when his son died he began to think about it.

After I shared with him scriptures, he let me know that it had been hard on his wife and that many times he would find her in their room crying at night, struggling to process the destruction her family had felt. I prayed for him and his wife that night, and have prayed many times since, that they would encounter Jesus as their Lord and savior.

Let me ask a couple questions...

WHO GOES TO HEAVEN?
Anyone who accepts Jesus! The bible is so clear on this. There is only ONE way to heaven and His name is Jesus.

DID I LIE TO THIS MAN? WHAT IF HIS SON DIDN'T ACCEPT JESUS?
What if his son did? What if at the last second of his life he cried out, "God help me"? The truth is, we will never know on this side of eternity if his son said yes to Jesus, but there is hope. There is always hope! Isn't that what we all believe?! Never take away someone's hope for the sake of semantics. He didn't need a deep theological conversation, as much as he needed to know that Jesus is real.

WHAT DOES THIS STORY DO TO YOU?
Honestly, it WRECKED me! I found myself in tears multiple times on the way home. If push mowing my grass for six years is what needed to happen in order for this man to hear the gospel, then it was all worth it. It is far too common for people who have been "saved" for a long time or "in church" their whole life to hear stories like this and dismiss them, cast blame, or disregard. This is why Jesus came. This is His heart. To pick up the broken pieces of humanity and put us back together again.

DAY NINE

PRAY FOR GOD-ORDAINED OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.

Acts 8:26-40

S - SCRIPTURE

O - OBSERVATION

A - APPLICATION

P - PRAYER

DAY TEN

PRAY FOR BOLDNESS OF FAITH

But Peter said, “I don’t have any silver or gold for you. But I’ll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!”

Acts 3:1-11

S - SCRIPTURE

O - OBSERVATION

A - APPLICATION

P - PRAYER

GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS

DAY ELEVEN

PRAY FOR WISDOM IN YOUR WORDS

For the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what needs to be said.

Luke 12:12

S - SCRIPTURE

O - OBSERVATION

A - APPLICATION

P - PRAYER

DAY TWELVE

PRAY FOR THE ABILITY TO SPEAK TRUTH IN LOVE

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

Ephesians 4:15

S - SCRIPTURE

O - OBSERVATION

A - APPLICATION

P - PRAYER

DAY THIRTEEN

PRAY THAT THOSE FAR FROM GOD WILL EMBRACE AN INVITATION TO COME TO CHURCH

It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.

Isaiah 55:6-11

S - SCRIPTURE

O - OBSERVATION

A - APPLICATION

P - PRAYER

DAY FOURTEEN

PRAY FOR PEOPLE TO ENCOUNTER GOD AND RECEIVE SALVATION DURING OUR SUNDAY SERVICES

And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 2:41-47

S - SCRIPTURE

O - OBSERVATION

A - APPLICATION

P - PRAYER

SPEAK
TRUTH
IN
LOVE

WEEK

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THE NEXT GENERATION

DEVOTIONAL

DAY FIFTEEN

THERE IS A VERSE IN THE BIBLE THAT IS QUITE CONCERNING - EVEN SCARY.

"There arose another generation who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel."

Judges 2:10

Yikes...

This moment in scripture painfully reminds us that no matter how good Church looks today, the Church of tomorrow can dwindle if we are not legacy and kingdom-minded. While that could be seen as daunting, WE have the responsibility and privilege to ensure the Church of tomorrow is far greater than the Church that was handed to us.

That's what I love about our Church and so many others around the world. We are no longer living for ourselves. We have a kingdom legacy that steers our focus and actions. Inevitably, that makes us look different from the world around us. This is reflected in everything we do. How we pray and think changes.

This week, we pray for the next generation. Church, may we really pray with faith for the young people of our Church and in our cities. The enemy is after the next generation, but he's gotta get through us first. I am not discouraged by all the statistics of the next generation; I am filled with hope and faith because we have an opportunity to raise up a generation of Christian warriors. We get to be a part of passing the baton of a Church much stronger than what was handed to us.

The best is yet to come, let's act and pray like it is. Our young people depend on it.

DAY SIXTEEN

PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH MINISTRY, ROYAL YOUTH, TO FEAR GOD

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Psalm 34:11

S - SCRIPTURE

O - OBSERVATION

A - APPLICATION

P - PRAYER

DAY SEVENTEEN

PRAY FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF OUR CITIES TO ENCOUNTER JESUS

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:41

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O - OBSERVATION

A - APPLICATION

P - PRAYER

POWER AND LOVE

DAY EIGHTEEN

PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH PASTORS AND YOUTH LEADERS TO BE ENCOURAGED AND STRENGTHENED

This is why I remind you to help God's gift grow, just as a small spark grows into a fire. God put his gift in you when I placed my hands on you. God gave us his Spirit. And the Spirit doesn't make us weak and fearful. Instead, the Spirit gives us power and love. He helps us control ourselves. So, don't be ashamed of the message about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, his prisoner. Instead, join with me as I suffer for the good news. God's power will help us do that.

2 Timothy 1:6-8

S - SCRIPTURE

O - OBSERVATION

A - APPLICATION

P - PRAYER

DAY NINETEEN

PRAY FOR BOLDNESS IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO LIVE AND SHARE THE GOSPEL

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Isaiah 41:10

S - SCRIPTURE

O - OBSERVATION

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DAY TWENTY

PRAY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE PLANTED IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers... "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

Luke 2:46-47, 49

S - SCRIPTURE

O - OBSERVATION

A - APPLICATION

P - PRAYER

DAY TWENTY-ONE

PRAY FOR THE NEXT GENERATION TO TAKE THE GOSPEL AND THE HOUSE OF GOD FURTHER THAN THE GENERATION BEFORE

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

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Thank you for joining us on this journey of prayer and fasting. Our hope is that you feel encouraged and strengthened in your relationship with Jesus. Answers may not appear right away—ultimately your fast is about building a deeper relationship with Christ. As God continues to move in situations and change your heart, you'll be amazed at how situations around you begin to change, too!

We would love to hear about all the things God has done over the last 21 days. If you have a story to share, please email info@wavechurch.com!

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