2014 - A Year of Victory

30 Days of Fasting & Prayer

BICC
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ROMANS 8:37
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God’s Word promises a life of victory through Christ! Taking time to fast and pray can set the course for A Year of Victory. We invite you to participate in 30 days of prayer and fasting.
Fasting

What is fasting?
Fasting is refraining from food for a spiritual purpose.

Why fast?
It is the privilege of every Christian to honor God by giving (time, talent and treasure), praying and fasting.

Fasting is for those who are...
- desiring a more intimate and powerful relationship with the Lord.
- desiring to go deeper in prayer and hearing God’s voice.
- in need of a fresh encounter with God.
- seeking a breakthrough (relationships, finances, health).
- ready for a heightened sensitivity to the desires of God.
- seeking healing and miracles from God.
- who need victory from a habit holding them in bondage.
- praying for the salvation of friends and family.
- seeking to know God’s will for their life.

Combining fasting with prayer is a powerful tool for seeking the LORD, opening the way for greater transformation in you, your family, church, city, and nation. The ultimate purpose of fasting is not about you or what you seek, but about God. It is an act of humble sacrifice that honors Him.

**What does it take to fast?**

Discipline and strength which comes from God. He promises to reward your commitment to fast (Matthew 6:18).
Where can I read about fasting in the Bible?

Matthew 6:16–18; 9:14–15

Relationship between fasting, prayer, worship and reading the Word of God:
Nehemiah 1:4; Daniel 9:2–3; Joel 2:12; Luke 2:37; Acts 13:2

Corporate Fasting:
1 Samuel 7:5–6; Ezra 8:21-23; Nehemiah 9:1–3; Joel 2:15–16; Jonah 3:5-10; Acts 27:33–37

How do I prepare for a fast?

Spiritual Preparation: Prior to fasting invite the Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide you. Ask God to help you remain alert and ready to hear His voice in times of prayer.

Physical Preparation: If you have a medical condition, consult your doctor before fasting. Decrease your intake of food a few days before the fast to prepare yourself for eating less.

Are there different types of fasts?
Yes. The best way to choose a fast is to follow the
lead of the Holy Spirit. Types of fasting include:

*A Partial Fast* – Abstaining from food for a set time (for example, skipping one meal each day); eating a simple meal of bread & water; or giving up specific food.

*A Daniel Fast* – This involves abstaining from delicacies, meats, and wines and focuses on fresh foods such as fruits and vegetables (Daniel 1:12–16).

*No Food Fast* – This involves abstaining from all food, including milk, and only drinking liquids and water.

*Water Only Fast* – Abstaining from everything except water.

*Absolute/Supernatural Fast* – This fast involves abstaining from any food or liquids, including water (the fast of Moses and Jesus).

*Corporate Fast* – A group (church leaders, home group, entire church or churches) agreeing to fast together for purposes of prayer and seeking the Lord (2 Chronicles 20:3; Acts 13:2).
How Can I Get The Most From Fasting?
- Focus on God rather than food. When you feel hungry declare: “Father, the hunger I am feeling in my body is the hunger I am seeking for You in my spirit.”
- Believe in faith the Lord will give you supernatural ability to perform your daily responsibilities during your fast.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to replace the normal presence of food with His presence.
- As much as possible, keep your fast a private matter between you and the Lord.
- Expect the blessing and favor of the Lord to rest upon you as you fast and pray.
- Be mindful that God responds with blessing when you sincerely seek Him (Isaiah 58).

BICC Fasting and Prayer Focus
We want to focus our fasting and prayer in three specific areas for 2014…

* A Year of Victory! *
1. Personal growth and revival

Pray for yourself and every person at BICC to be set free from
- worry (Philippians 4:6),
- lukewarmness (Revelation 3:16),
- disobedience to the Word of God (James 4:17),
- destructive habits (Romans 8:5),
- negative self-limiting mindsets (Romans 12:2),
- unforgiveness (Colossians 3:13), depression,
- rebellion toward leadership (Hebrews 13:17),
- gossip (Ephesians 4:29),
- resistance to adult water baptism (Acts 2:38),
- or anything else keeping us from total victory in Christ (Hebrews 12:1).

"(Is) not this the fast that I have chosen to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?"

– Isaiah 58:6
2. Healthy growth as a church

Fasting and praying for…

- Increasing numbers coming to Sunday worship services and homegroups, hearing the message of Jesus and being saved.
  “And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” – Acts 2:47b

- Revival and healing during Encounter Sundays in February 2014

- The successful launch of additional services at CinemaxX

- Continued growth of church ministries and finances

- Every person at BICC living *The Generous Life* with their time, talent and treasure

- Growth of Sunday ministry teams

- New leaders raised up for home groups, ministry teams
3. Deeper filling of the Holy Spirit

The Word of God instructs us to seek a continuous, filling of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). A victorious life of blessing, success and influence is only possible through the power of the Holy Spirit. As you fast, cry out to God for a greater filling of the Holy Spirit. Ask for an anointing of new spiritual gifts to equip you for life and ministry at BICC (1 Corinthians 14:1, 20). Pray for a release of signs and wonders that confirms the message of Christ at BICC (Mark 16:20) and brings glory to God in the city of Berlin.

Getting started

Choose one or more types of fasting for each of the 30 days. Perhaps using one type during your work week and another on a weekend. While you are fasting, set aside time each day to read the Word of God and pray. Be prepared to listen for things God may speak to you about while you fast and pray. Consider keeping a journal where you write down things you sense the LORD is saying to you.
30 Day Schedule

DAY 1 | Focus: Submission to God
Read Romans 12:1-2; Luke 9:23; 1 Peter 3:15a
At the start of the 30 days, offer your life anew to Christ.

DAY 2 | Focus: Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving
Read 1 Chronicles 16:8, 29:11; Psalm 100; Revelation 7:9–12
Spend time worshipping and praising God.

DAY 3 | Focus: You are the Righteousness of Christ
Read Romans 5:17, 21; Philippians 3:9
Confess in faith that since you have received God’s greater gift of grace you are now the righteousness of Christ who lives in triumph over sin and death in Jesus’ name.
DAY 4 | Focus: Free from Condemnation
Read Romans 8:1, 2
Declare in faith you belong to Jesus Christ and are free from all condemnation and empowered with the Holy Spirit to overcome every scheme of the devil in Jesus’ name.

DAY 5 | Focus: Cleansed from every Sin
Read Psalm 103:12; Hebrews 10:10; 1 Peter 3:18
Declare in faith Christ has cleansed you once for all from all your sin – past, present and future.

DAY 6 | Focus: Prayer for Filling of the Spirit
Read Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:16, 25
Petition the Holy Spirit to come, take control, and fill you each day in Jesus’ name.

DAY 7 | Focus: Fruit of the Spirit
Read Galatians 5:22–23; 1 Corinthians 13:4–7
Pray for a greater manifestation of the fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
DAY 8 | Focus: Prayer for Renewing of your Mind

*Read Romans 12:2*
Pray for the Holy Spirit to establish in your mind new patterns of thinking that help you desire and know the will of God.

DAY 9 | Focus: Prayer of victory and protection

*Read Psalm 32:7; 35:3*
Ask the LORD to lead you into greater victory in all areas of your life (spiritually, emotionally, physically). Petition God to declare over you and your loved ones, “I will give you victory”.

DAY 10 | Focus: Prayer for protection in spiritual warfare

*Read Isaiah 54:17; 2 Corinthians 10:4, 5*
Pray for protection and victory in every spiritual battle you face. Speak in faith that because Christ is already victorious so are you!
DAY 11 | Focus: Determination to go to the next level of freedom and victory in Christ

Read Daniel 1:8; Mark 9:47
Pray for God to stir in your spirit a determination to set aside any activity, habit or way of thinking that keeps you from the next level of following Christ with your whole heart.

DAY 12 | Focus: Walking in freedom

Read Romans 6:12, 13
Renounce any sinful habits. Ask Jesus Christ to bring freedom from any bondage. Commit your mind and body to be used as instruments of righteousness in Jesus’ name.

DAY 13 | Focus: Water Baptism

Read Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Luke 3:21; Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12
Jesus commands us to be baptized when you make a personal decision to receive Him as Savior and Lord. Pray for every person at BICC who has made this decision to follow His command to be baptized.
DAY 14 | Focus: Pray for people

Read Ephesians 6:19
Pray for opportunities to share God’s goodness and love with friends, relatives, neighbors, and coworkers. Ask God to give you “divine appointments.”

DAY 15 | Focus: Relationships

Read 1 Corinthians 16:14
Pray for greater love and compassion for others; loved ones; those who do not know Christ; those in need. Pray for healthy relationships with others.

DAY 16 | Focus: Salvation

Read Acts 2:41, 47, 4:4, 5:14; 2 Peter 3:9
Pray for the LORD to add daily to BICC those being saved.

DAY 17 | Focus: Jesus at the center of the Church

Read Ephesians 1:22, 23, 3:21, 4:15
Pray for Jesus to be at the center of every service, home group, children’s ministry, and other gatherings of the church in 2014.
DAY 18 | Focus: The Generous Life

“...go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever imagine...do good...be rich in helping others...be extravagantly generous.” – 1 Timothy 6:18 (MSG)

Pray for everyone at BICC to live *The Generous Life* with their time, talent and treasure in 2014.

DAY 19 | Focus: Growth of the Church

*Read Acts 16:5, 19:20*

Ask for the word of the LORD to grow stronger at BICC resulting in growth in faith and numbers. Pray for the successful launch of additional worship services at CinemaxX.

DAY 20 | Focus: Making disciples

*Read Matthew 28:19, 20*

Pray for each person who comes to BICC to become a disciple of Jesus Christ! Ask the LORD to fill each Discovery Course and Baptism to capacity in 2014.
DAY 21 | Focus: Prayer for leadership
Read 1 Timothy 2:2; Hebrews 13:7
Pray for the leaders of our city and nations. Pray for God’s blessing, wisdom, and strength for BICC’s senior pastors, worship pastor, children’s director and church leaders.

DAY 22 | Focus: Healing and revival
Read Psalm 85:6; Mark 10:52; James 5:15
Invite the Holy Spirit to revive and heal – spiritually, emotionally, physically – every person in need at BICC (including yourself).

DAY 23 | Focus: You are more than a conqueror
Read Romans 8:37
Declare in Jesus’ name that overwhelming victory is yours in every area of life and ministry. Believe in faith that nothing can separate you from God’s love and favor.
DAY 24 | Focus: By Jesus’ wounds you are healed

*Read Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24*

The Bible says Jesus bore our sicknesses and diseases on the cross. Pray in faith that by His wounds you are receiving healing and divine health.

DAY 25 | Focus: No enemy can reach you

*Read Psalm 62:7*

Announce aloud that God is your Rock whom you stand upon where no enemy can reach you. Pray for God to keep standing, receiving victory and honor that glorifies Him.

DAY 26 | Focus: Victory in answered prayer

*Read Psalm 118:21; Matthew 21:22*

Give thanks to God for how He is giving you victory in answered prayer (even for those you are still waiting for an answer!). Ask God in faith to answer every prayer you pray in 2014. Invite the Holy Spirit to empower you to pray in accordance with the will of God in all things in Jesus’ name.
DAY 27 | Focus: Humility
Read Isaiah 66:2b; Psalm 149:4; James 4:6
Speak back God’s promise that He esteems, is gracious, and gives victory to those who are humble. Receive this from the LORD in faith. Invite the Holy Spirit to fill you with deep, abiding, sincere humility in Jesus’ name.

DAY 28 | Focus: Songs of victory
Read Psalm 98:1, 2, 118:14–16
Pray for every service and home group meeting to be filled with songs of victory. Petition the LORD to reveal His righteousness to the nations through BICC’s songs of victory in 2014.

DAY 29 | Focus: Overflow
Read 1 Corinthians 9:10
Pray in faith for God to increase your productivity and resources resulting in an overflow of blessing to others in Jesus’ name.
DAY 30 | Focus: Victorious Faith

Read 1 John 5:4
Praise and worship God that you are His child who overcomes the world. Declare in faith you are receiving new levels of victory each day in Jesus’ name.

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