

TOGETHER AS A CHURCH, WE CONTEND FOR

Focused Heart & Dedication to Pursue God

Healing for Global Pandemic

Global Reach

Our Children's Ministry

Our Youth Ministry

Our Young Adult Ministry

Inspire Christian College

Inspire Internship

Our Men's, Women's & Freedom Ministries

Our Connect Groups

Our Conference Ministries

Inspire Collective

Send Hope International

Our Communities:

Waipahu, Waikele, Waipio

Central & Leeward Oahu

Honolulu

Kapolei

Manila & Quezon City, Philippines

Our State of Hawaii

Our Nation

Our World & Global Missions



HOW WE FAST:

Complete (Liquid) Fast

In this type of fast, you drink only liquids, typically water with light juices as an option.

Selective (Daniel) Fast

This type of fast involves removing certain elements from your diet. One example of a selective fast is the Daniel Fast, during which you remove meat, sweets, and bread from your diet and consume water and juice for fluids and fruits and vegetables for food.

Partial Fast

This fast is sometimes called the "Jewish Fast" and involves abstaining from eating any type of food in the morning and afternoon. This can either correlate to specific times of the day, such as 6:00 am to 3:00 pm, or from sunup to sundown.

Media Fast

This fast is a great option if you do not have much experience fasting food, have health issues that prevent you from fasting food, or if you wish to refocus certain areas of your life that are out of balance. For example, you might choose to stop using social media or watching television for the duration of the fast and then carefully bring that element back into your life in healthy doses at the conclusion of the fast.

DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO PRAYER, BEING WATCHFUL AND THANKFUL.

THIS YEAR I CONTEND FOR

WHY WE FAST:

Contend for Breakthrough

Biblical fasting is a spiritual discipline of refraining from food or other physical needs and activities for a short season with a spiritual purpose. It brings you into a deeper, more focused and intimate time with God to allow you to hear God's voice and His heart with greater clarity as you prioritize prayer and reading the Word.

Vision for Next Season

When you eliminate distractions from your lifestyle for a number of days, your spirit becomes uncluttered by the things of this world and amazingly sensitive to the things of God.

Recalibration

Fasting allows you to refocus your priorities and your daily routine to bring them into alignment with God's plans, purposes and priorities, and restores the healthy balance God intended for your life.

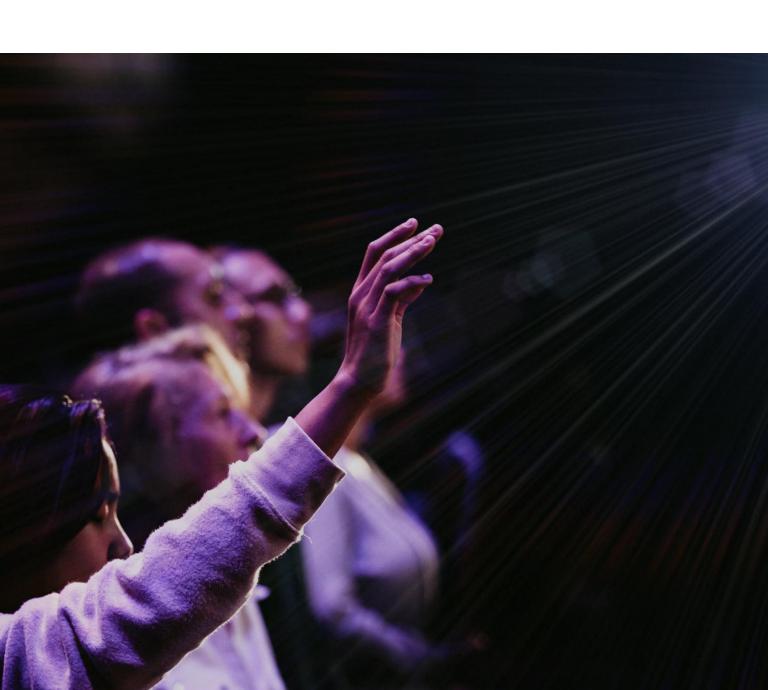
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Scan to let us know you are fasting, so we can contend with you in prayer!

SHARE YOUR STORY

Share your experiences at inspirechurch.live/fast



PREPARATION

Plan to use this booklet as a journal during your prayer time, and be expectant to HEAR God's voice. Rather than always talking, prepare your mind and heart to listen.

Prepare your Heart Fasting helps you to realign your heart with His.	PRAYER OF PREPARATION
"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." MATTHEW 6:33 (NLT)	
Fasting prepares you for a new anointing.	
"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the wine would burst the wineskins, and the wine and the skins would both be lost. New wine calls for new wineskins." MARK 2:22 (NLT)	
Prepare your Body Plan for times of prayer.	
Expect moments of weakness. Drink plenty of water. If you have any concerns, seek medical counsel.	
Prepare your Mind	

14 days of fasting and prayer

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Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

MATTHEW 16:18 (NLT)

OBSERVATION

The Greek word used to describe church in Matthew 16:18 is ecclesia, which literally means a "calling out" and originally referred to a civil assembly.

Jesus' use of the phrase "my church" referred to an assembly "called" by Him.

Jesus is saying that though He was rejected by the people, arrested, tried and found innocent and then crucified anyway, it would not stop him from building His church. The Jews rejected Christ and crucified Him, but He arose and built His church.

The name "Peter" is of Greek origin and means "stone" or "rock." Peter was also the name of one of the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ. After Jesus' death, he served as the head of the Apostles and was the first to perform a miracle after Pentecost (Acts 3:1–11).

APPLICATION

I was reading one of my devotionals and it said, "A vision without work is just a hallucination." God has a vision for the Church and in order for this vision to be accomplished, it has to come through HIS people. We all want a revival, and God is calling us to a civil assembly. We cannot STOP meeting together. Revival starts with each one of us making a decision to keep assembling because we are "called" by Jesus.

We are living out the vision here at Inspire Church, and we will continue to do so as we plant more churches, build more leaders, and help our community through our resources and time. I was called to co-lead with my husband, Mike, and we made a promise to God that we would not stop building HIS church. That's why we have 4 locations called Inspire Church.

God has called us to build HIS Church, and nothing will stop us from assembling together as a Church.

Jesus, you have called each of us to build Your Church, and we ask that You	Peter had an assignment to build His church, and this same assignment has been given to us. Will you build HIS church?
remind us to always assemble together	
to worship, praise,	
hear Your Word and	
pray for one another.	
Help us to be the	
Church everywhere	
we go. Let us not	
forsake assembling together. I pray that	
You help us to lead	
by example as Peter did. You called Peter	
and now You are	
calling us to build	
Your Church. In	
Jesus' Name, Amen.	

REVIVAL IN MARRIAGES

BY PASTOR SHAWN WITHY-ALLEN SENIOR PASTOR OF MANNA CHURCH, HAWAI'I

SCRIPTURE

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.

MARK 10:7-9 (NIV)

OBSERVATION

The best counsel Sarah and I ever received in premarital counseling was this: "Guard your oneness above all else." As I write this devotional, we are expecting our 5th child any day now, and these words ring just as true to us today as they did when we first heard them 15 years ago. Oneness is the single most important thing in a marriage, yet I have found that very few married couples are even aware of what the term means. To start with, let me be clear about what it does NOT mean. Oneness does not mean we have to agree on everything and share the same opinion about everything. For example, I am of the opinion that the San Francisco 49ers are the greatest franchise in NFL history. My wife, however, thinks it's the Carolina Panthers. It's ok, she's been wrong before! Hahaha! Just kidding! Real talk though: differences of opinion do not amount to fractured oneness. Our opinions and likes and dislikes are what make us uniquely us. For our marriages to work, we need to have integrity and be true to who God has created us to be.

Oneness in the Scripture speaks to something much deeper. For Sarah and I to be one means we are both 100% committed to one another and our family above all else. There is nothing and no one who will come between us. We know each other's passwords and have access to each other's devices and accounts should we ever feel like

seeing what the other person has been looking at or who they've been communicating with. Our rule between each other is that the moment either one of us feels tempted to hide something from the other, that's the moment we need to go and share with the other person. If one of us feels uncomfortable about a situation, opportunity, or relationship (even if there is nothing inherently "wrong" with it), we lay it to the side for the sake of the other. Sin gets its power in the darkness, so we want to bring things into the light before they have a chance to fracture our oneness.

This level of trust is critical to being on one accord when it comes to making decisions regarding our future, our finances, our children, or any other big decisions. Our oneness allows us to listen to each other without questioning the other's motives or hidden interests, empowering us to make wise decisions in the best interests of our family as well as for one another. And for you husbands, if you're ever in doubt, I offer you the 2nd best marriage counsel I've received — "The voice of God most often sounds like your wife!"

APPLICATION

Oneness is not natural. Let me be clear on this from the start. This is why so few experience it. Left to ourselves. we drift toward selfishness. So for oneness to exist in a marriage, both partners must daily lay down their lives and embrace God's instructions to care about the other more than themself. From there, we need to build healthy rhythms into our lives of communication and intimacy. For Sarah and I, we pray together every night before we go to bed. A general rule of thumb for us is for every 'internal' prayer (a prayer about us), there must also be an 'external' prayer (a prayer for someone or something else outside our immediate family or needs). There's nothing that knits hearts together in unity more than prayer. We also do consistent Date Nights, which in our situation with young children requires some creativity and tempered expectations. But the point is we know we need to INVEST in us - in our marriage, in our enjoyment of one another - if we are going to be able to experience oneness. And we know every investment is worth it, because there is nothing more intimate and satisfying in marriage than oneness with your spouse.

Lord, give me and _______ YOUR heart for oneness. Help us to value it as You do. Help us to live out Your word as You instruct us in Ephesians 4:2-3: 'Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of Your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.' In Jesus' name, Amen!

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-7 (NIV)

OBSERVATION

This was a huge moment for the Nation of Israel. They were about to step into the land of promise that God had been talking about. They were moving from being a people in slavery to living in the freedom of following Yahweh. So how were they going to make it? With all the challenges that inevitably lay ahead, how were God's people going to stay close to His heart? Moses gave the answer: by loving God with their desires, passions, thoughts, emotions, and bodies. There wasn't one part of their life that God didn't want to see transformed. He wanted the rhythm of their everyday lives to remind them of God's love and faithfulness. But God didn't just want one generation to experience this. He wanted them to teach their kids, the next generation, how to love Him. God knew that they weren't just going to 'know how.' It was up to moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunties and uncles to teach them how to live in love with God. This was Yahweh's recipe for a national revival rooted in their identity as God's children. Family is the movement.

APPLICATION

I often think of revivals of years past, with mass gatherings, tents, preachers, healings, and salvations. While I still contend for that in prayer, when I read this scripture, I'm reminded that I want a revival to erupt in my family, not just in a stadium. I need the love I have for Jesus to spill over into my wife and children. I want the everyday rhythms of my life to remind me of the goodness of God. When I get up or drive to work, I want my heart, soul, mind, and strength to be given to Jesus, and I want my kids to see it too. I want revival to sound like the prayers of my children learning to talk to Jesus and trust Him because they saw mom and dad do the same.

Lord, I am asking for revival. I want to see a global and local move of God that shakes nations and draws us to You. I want the same for my family, right in my living room. I need help though Jesus. I need to trust Your leadership. I don't want to be too busy to practice the rhythms of revival in my family. Bring revival to my family. AMEN.

How can I more intentionally love Jesus with all my heart,				
mind, soul and strength, and how can I help my family do the same?				

so the next generation might know them— even the children not yet born— and they in turn will teach their own children. So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.

PSALMS 78:6-7 (NLT)

OBSERVATION

This story of God's faithfulness continues in the Living Word that is JESUS. We see in these verses that each generation is instructed to teach future generations of their hope in God that will come through His Son, Jesus. What is sown now in our youth through obedience to God's word and the sharing of His glorious miracles has the power to be lived through a generation that is not even born yet. While being born naturally in the flesh, each generation can be supernaturally born again in the Spirit and Truth of Jesus Christ. Each generation can set its hope anew on Christ by being taught the love and hope of our Savior, Jesus. This entire Psalm is a summary of God's faithfulness that has not ended. It continues today with a future and hope that is only found in Christ. This hope and future is extended to each generation by Christ's great command and commission to love and teach our youth to be disciples of Christ and to find their identity in His Living Word.

APPLICATION

We can find ourselves in this present cultural and political climate casting blame on past and future generations. That type of blaming will not bring forth revival for our youth because blaming is void of a future hope. Remember that Jesus took our sin and didn't blame us for giving His life as a ransom of love. Instead of blaming, we should each take the responsibility that God has given us to teach our youth the true hope of Jesus Christ. Let us begin now by praying and fasting for our youth. What is sown in prayer now will reap a harvest of revival for the present and future generations to come.

Who is someone from the younger generation that you can Lord, help me see specifically pray for? How can you partner with a local church's each generation in youth group to bring the love and hope of Christ? Your image, and help me to love others unconditionally. Teach me to deeply understand that the prodigal child returns home only when they know that love is found there. I pray for our youth and that a revival would call them home through Your love. Empower Your Church to love as You love and may that begin with me. Amen.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 CHRONICLES 7:14 (KJV)

OBSERVATION & APPLICATION

God said "If my people who are called by MY name..." The name Hawai'i can be broken down this way:

HA - which means the breath.

WAI - which means water.

'I - whenever one sees the okina before an "I," it refers to God!

Ha-Wai-'I. The Breath and Living Water of God.

If My people who are called by MY NAME will:

Humble (Ha'aha'a) themselves: We must genuinely express humility, humbly receive the pono Jesus already did for us, appreciate all He has done for us and recognize how much we do not deserve His unfathomable grace.

Pray: My house is to be called a house of prayer. It was the prayers of the Hawaiian people that ignited one of the greatest revivals in the history of God's Kingdom called "The Great Awakening." The 1853 census stated that almost 97% of all Hawaiians confessed Jesus Christ was their Lord and Savior. At that time, we were the greatest Christian nation on the face of the Earth. Hana hou Lord! The effectual fervent prayer of a man made pono availeth much.

Seek My Face: We are to seek His face (Honi) and not just His hand. An intimate relationship with Him will cause us NOT to just seek Him for what He can do for us but...Who He is to us!

Turn From Their Wicked Ways: Wicked ways can be subtle even in the church. It could be as simple as doing my own thing before doing His Will. How can I pray "Thy Kingdom come" until I first pray "My Kingdom go?" I need to stop praying, "Lord, please bless what we are doing," and start doing what God is blessing.

Then I Will Hear And Heal Their Islands: Our 'āina needs healing! Our land needs to be cleansed, consecrated and healed.

Lord Jesus, Iesu	vvnat is one thing you can do today to help bring about revival in
•	our culture?
Cristo. We, Your	
people, who are	
called by Your name,	
pray, "E Kala Mai	
Kākou." Please	
forgive us for not	
humbling ourselves	
before You in truly	
recognizing all You	
did to make us right	
with The Father.	
We seek Your face	
and not just Your	
hand. Please show	
us any wicked ways	
that we must turn	
from, personally	
and corporately.	
We humbly ask that	
You heal the 'āina	
that YOU blessed	
us with. In Your	
precious, matchless	
and powerful name	
we pray! 'Āmene,	
āmene, 'āmene!	

If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.

LUKE 16:10 (NLT)

OBSERVATION

Little things matter even more than the big things in our lives. A successful "big thing" is built on a foundation of many "little things." Give as much if not even more attention to the little habits that will set you up for lasting success in life.

APPLICATION

We were recently reorganizing our office space for the church. We moved into a warehouse, and in the process of it, everything got crammed into the new space. It was overwhelming to see. I didn't even know where to start. I stared at everything for a moment, and finally told myself to pick up something and get started. Even if it was just a little box, I realized that every little thing moved was getting me a step closer to accomplishing my goal. So many people have big dreams. That's where it starts. But if you only live with the big dream, you will never get anywhere. Start somewhere. You have to take the first step. If your goal is to have a million dollars in the bank, fantastic! But guess what? Before the million, you have to earn the first hundred. Don't discount the little habits and disciplines needed to get you to your goal. Sometimes the most giant steps are the tiniest ones.

REFLECTION What is one thing you can do today to help bring about revival in the marketplace? Jesus, help us remember that the "big" is just as important as the "little." Let faithfulness be a hallmark in my life, family, and business. Let every minute spent at work and every dollar earned and invested reflect my love and devotion to You. Everything I have is because of You and belongs to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.

1 TIMOTHY 2:2 (NLT)

OBSERVATION

In writing to the younger Timothy whom he mentored, Paul encouraged prayers for "all" people. But here Paul specifies human rulers and authority figures. Paul spoke elsewhere of the importance of submitting to governing authorities (Romans 13), though he himself was often incarcerated for his missionary work. Christians in Ephesus likely thought of politicians in the same way we do today. The natural tendency is to complain about governing leaders and see them as enemies rather than to pray for them and seek to help them come to faith in Christ. I believe many Christians during that time were not praying for their governmental leaders and so Paul strongly encouraged the people to pray for them to lead with Godliness and dignity. The transformation in their government authorities spiritually would result in a more healthy, productive and peaceful society.

APPLICATION

Here in Hawai'i, many are concerned about corruption in government and the confrontation of key issues such as the rail, the pandemic, contaminated water, and retarding of goods being shipped which have caused anger and frustration. Instead of complaining and blaming our leaders, we are to pray for them (bless not blast, be ministers not sinisters, be prophetic not pathetic). Yes, mention their names specifically in prayer, but let's go further and connect with them personally and ask for their specific prayer requests including prioritizing and addressing specific issues with God's wisdom, courage, love, strength, peace and hope. Let's bless them, build relationships with one or two of them, minister to them, and pray that they will soon open up to receive the transforming power of the Gospel that will bring revival to our state. It's a process, but let's take one step at a time.

Lord, we bring to Your throne our president, governor, mayor and all those working under their jurisdiction. We pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit, You will create a hunger within each of them to seek Your face for wisdom, knowledge and guidance in leading our nation, state, and counties to live as you intended us to live according to Your purpose. May we, Your Church, repent of our attitudes toward our rulers and learn to love and pray for them so that You will forgive us and heal our land. We cry out to You, O God, to transform our government through your Holy Spirit that all will be in awe of what You will be doing in, to, by, with, from and through them. Amen!!

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PSALM 51:10 NLT



Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.

DEUTERONOMY 11:19 (NLT)

For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

PROVERBS 2:6 (NLT)

OBSERVATION

Moses is giving instructions to the Israelites, a message of commitment, as they prepare to enter their promised land in Canaan. Chapter 11 begins with an exhortation to "love the Lord, Your God" in wholehearted obedience, and he brings the people to remembrance of how faithful and powerful God has moved on their behalf. Moses goes into detailed description of all the miraculous signs and wonders God has performed to rescue them from Egypt and how He has cared for them in the wilderness. He reviews with the Israelites past lessons that ought to have been learned. Because their children have not witnessed or experienced what the older generation has, he states the utmost importance of teaching their children. He encourages the older generation to pass on the Lord's commands, stories of victories and nuggets of wisdom by talking to them often and even by writing down the Lord's instructions in their pathways for them to read as they traveled.

APPLICATION

The instructions and reminders that Moses taught thousands of years ago are still relevant and valid today, now more than ever! It is easy for parents and guardians to "delegate" the spiritual growth of our children in the hands of others: however, it is our responsibility to teach them. I agree that it takes a village to raise a child, but we as parents and guardians, who have been entrusted to care and nurture our children, should select who that village is, and we must take lead in teaching God's Word, sharing our testimonies, and imparting wisdom so that they may not be deceived. Everything from social media to outside influence to peers is seeking to "instruct" our kids. If we can remain the loudest voice of truth, love, reason and wisdom, I believe that even as they get older, they will not depart from God's Word. They may take a detour but they will surely come back on the path of righteousness as God's Word planted within their hearts will always accomplish the purposes of God. May the Word of God be revived in the hearts of generations to come!

Heavenly Father, thank You. Thank You that Your Word is ACTIVE and ALIVE! Would You fan into flame the gift of faith and pour out Your wisdom as we generously pour into others and teach our children Your commandments so that they may live their lives wholeheartedly for You. Help us to be creative in how we teach, and may we leverage technology to share the Gospel! Lord, we ask that You would bring a great revival amongst the hearts of our children and may their lives be activated for the **Great Commission of Jesus!** In Jesus' Name, Amen!

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O Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.

PSALMS 30:2 (NIV)

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7 (NIV)

OBSERVATION

In this scripture, King David is praising God for delivering him from sickness to health. David begins this psalm with exalting the Lord, acknowledging God hears him, and praising Him for his deliverance.

In 2 Timothy, Paul recognized timidity in Timothy, and Timothy knew of the fear he sometimes felt in different situations and circumstances. God wanted Timothy to know the fear he sometimes felt didn't come from Him.

APPLICATION

This season of Covid-19 allowed us to see both of these scriptures played out in and around us. We all probably know people who either praised the Lord for delivering them from sickness or lived in fear causing them to isolate themselves and worry. In fact, this is still happening all around us today. What this season accomplished is a division and isolation of people. Isolation and division undermine our spiritual, physical and mental health. We have unfortunately bore witness to people falling away from a relationship with God, physically unhealthy because of worry and anxiety, and mentally not the same. God reminds us that although this is our circumstance right now, it's not forever. We are equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit to rebuke, bind and cast out these things that have taken residence in our lives. We also have the power of love, the love of Jesus Christ, the transforms not only our lives but the lives of others around us. We finally have the power of self-discipline. Self-discipline is the antidote to our fears. If we begin to put into practice God's Word in our life, then we will begin to see how healthier we can become. Things in our lives become less of a fad and more of a lifestyle. We are no longer entering a new year with the hope to have a healthier Spirit, body, and mind, but we are mapping out the course of action to get there. For this year to be a banner year, we need a personal revival in our spiritual, physical and mental health.

What do you need to do personally to have a revival in your life that Father, we thank brings health to your spirit, body and mind? You that You are a God that not only hears the prayers of a righteous man and woman, but You respond according to Your will. I pray that personal revival begins in each one of us right now. Give us clarity on the course of action we are to take and allow us to remember that You give us the power of self-discipline. I ask these things in Your Son's precious and glorious name, Jesus Christ. Amen.

We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. 9 We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. 10 Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:8 (NLT)

OBSERVATION

Here we have Paul writing a letter to the Church in Corinth with an encouraging word that still holds as a reminder to this day. He lets them know that though they may be in trouble, though life is perplexed, though they are being opposed and persecuted, though they get knocked down... that is not the end of the story. As we suffer like Jesus suffered, we must hold on to the hope that we will also have the resurrection life that Jesus had.

It is too easy to focus on the suffering. We need to remember the life that Jesus gave to us.

APPLICATION

I'm not sure how it happened, but when I first started my relationship with Jesus, I thought bad things would not happen to me anymore. I had the assumption that everything would be easy, but of course, I soon realized that is not true. We still live in a fallen world, but the good news is we have Jesus' resurrection power living in us when we surrender our lives to Him.

So, this new year, there may be times where you feel the weight of the world. But take heart! You will not be crushed, you will not be driven to despair, you will not be abandoned by God, and you will not be destroyed.

Lord, thank You for overcoming the word. Thank You that present circumstances do not determine future blessings. So, I hold on to You during this time of oppression, and I believe that though there may be suffering, You are my life! AMEN.

What part of your life feels like it's not going according to plan?				
Now remember that God will not abandon you!				

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

COLOSSIANS 3:17 (NIV)

OBSERVATION

In this passage, the Apostle Paul is speaking to the church in Colossae. He spent the previous verses recapping the sinful lives they used to live and how they worshipped the things of this world. They were more concerned about pleasing themselves than pleasing God. However, when they became followers of Christ, they were called to live in a manner that glorified God and demonstrated to the world they were God's chosen people. They no longer lived for their own glory; they lived for His.

APPLICATION

There are many talented and gifted people in the world - people blessed with the ability to create beautiful music, to perform in the presence of others, or to produce works of art pleasing to the eye, ear or the touch. Unfortunately, many of these people use these God-given gifts and talents to glorify themselves instead of God. Interestingly, this behavior did not originate on Earth, but in the heavens themselves. Some interpret Ezekiel 28:13 to suggest that Satan was a worship leader before the Lord before he was cast out of heaven. He was beautiful, creative, gifted, and skilled. However, he was cast out because he became prideful because of his appearance and his abilities and sought to honor himself over God. It was all about his glory.

Today, many artists and performers fall into the same trap. We routinely see them using their talents to bring themselves worldly fortune and fame, while forgetting the very God who endowed them with such talents in the first place. However, Paul reminds us that everything that flows from our hands or our mouths, whether word or deed, should honor the God we love and serve. Whether on screen, on stage, on radio or none of the above, we are to represent Jesus well with our talents so others will give thanks to God. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to redeem the arts not so we can be the center of attention or the object of people's affection, but so Jesus can be.

Father, thank You for the many gifts and talents You have blessed us with. Please forgive us when we have used them to glorify ourselves instead of You. Please help us to use these gifts to draw the world closer to You and to bring You honor. In Jesus' name, Amen.

When you use your talents, is it more important for people to see you or God working in and through you? How can you use your talents to bring glory to God?				

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—
pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running
over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will
determine the amount you get back.

LUKE 6:38 (NLT)

OBSERVATION

During a moment when Jesus was teaching His followers, He began to instruct them not to judge or condemn others, but instead to forgive them. This is immediately followed by this statement about giving generously. Jesus connects being generous in grace and love, to being generous in our finances. Both will result in the release of blessing in the lives of others, and in our own. Being open handed with our finances not only reflects a heart of grace, but it also directs our hearts back to being a people of love. Revival in our finances begins with the right attitude toward the people around us, and that leads to us being generous. The moment we step out in generosity is when we will see it poured back into our laps, until it is running over.

APPLICATION

As we begin the new year, take the time to focus your heart on the love for the people around you, in order to be generous with your grace, forgiveness and love. Look for ways you can be generous to others with your finances and resources. Ask God to show you how you can sow seed into His Kingdom purposes. If we want to see a revival in our finances, it begins with being open handed with all that God's given us, so that He can use it to make a difference in the lives of others.

REFLECTION

Who can you bless, support, or provide for in these difficult times? Lord, thank You for the generosity that You have shown me. Help me to live life with an open heart, to love people with an open hand, and to give to You and to others. Bring revival in my finances so that I can continue to make an eternal difference to those around me and even beyond me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

PSALM 33:12 (ESV)

OBSERVATION

What a time to be alive! I know that's a very optimistic view of the current state of the world, but it's a perspective we need to grab hold of! Why? Because soon, and very soon, we are gonna see the King!

Kingdoms and nations rise and fall. They war, they trade and they seek to expand their power and position on the earth. But every earthly kingdom is ruled by an earthly king. Every ruler, no matter how good they may be, is imperfect and flawed, and while some have tried to rule honorably, many have ruled erroneously. Unfortunately, it's the people that benefit or suffer the most.

Throughout the history of kings in the Bible, we see this very contrast unfold. Righteous kings brought about Godly results, but wicked kings brought destructive ones. The nation of Israel drew closer to God under Godly leadership. When the king's heart drifted, the nation strayed, and they replaced their love and worship of God for things of the world like idols. It was under King David that we see a glimpse of how a nation can thrive under Godly rulership.

APPLICATION

If we want to see revival in the nations, we need to pray for its kings, queens, presidents and rulers. When the heart of the leader is under the power and rule of God, a nation can be transformed. May God bring revival to the nations, from the people to the palace, the city streets to the highest chambers, and from thrones to our homes in Jesus' name!

When the righteous rule, the people are blessed, the land flourishes, and abundance increases! This is not a pipe dream or just a hopeful expectation, but will be the reality we live in under the Lordship of Jesus Christ! That day is coming, and His Kingdom will be everything we've been waiting for!

Father, thank You for giving us examples of Godly leaders and rulers throughout the Bible. And in the days we are living in, we need righteous leaders to rise up once again! Bring a revival to the hearts of every leader, in every high office, especially those who lead nations. In Jesus' name, AMEN!

What is one thing you can do today to help bring about revival in our Nation?			

Sing to the LORD a NEW song, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands, and all who live in them. Let them give glory to the LORD and proclaim his praise in the islands.

ISAIAH 42:10-12 (NIV)

OBSERVATION

Hawai'i is no stranger to the fires of revival and the power of God to transform a nation. Before the first missionaries arrived in 1820, there was evidence that He was preparing the people of these islands to encounter and experience His love, or Aloha! Through significant and strategic events, or "kōnane" moves (Hawaiian checkers), God was orchestrating the Gospel message of Jesus to permeate all of Hawai'i.

According to Elmer Towns in his book, 10 Greatest Revivals, one missionary, Titus Coan, would go on Gospel tours from town to town preaching and seeing people saved all through Hilo and the western coastline of the Big Island. Crowds gathered to hear the word in their native tongue - so eager that they would refuse to leave those meetings. It's been said that many wanted to be baptized at one time that he grabbed a broom, dipped it in the nearby pond, and splashed it all over the people in the name of Jesus! Talk about a "NEW" work!!

So many were saved, discipled, and transformed that people would travel from the other islands to hear the Gospel, and they would be saved as well. During this season, the little town of Hilo with only 1,000 residents swelled to over 10,000 – all to hear the Word of God!! The Hawaiian Revival of the 1800's was ranked #4 of the 10 greatest revivals, next to the revival that occurred in Nineveh in the book of Jonah.

APPLICATION

There's a new song coming! A new work of God is here, not just on the horizon, but on our shores. I feel it, I sense it, and I definitely am praying more fervently for it! If you want to learn more about the revival that happened two centuries ago, listen to my message from The Way Back series on our Inspire Church YouTube Channel. Let God stir your heart and show you your place and your part in this brand new work He is doing right here, right now!



SCAN FOR MESSAGE

Lord, the fires of revival swept over the islands once before, and I believe You will do it again! May You ready me to be a part of what you're doing in the islands and beyond. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

How is God stirring your heart? How can you be a part of what God is doing in the islands right now?				



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RESOURCES

inspirechurch.live/fast

Share your story of what God is doing through you this fast.

The Inspire Church App

Download the Inspire Church App to access a digital Bible and digital 14-Day Devotional.

Suggested Reading

Fasting by Jentezen Franklin

Fasting 101 Questions by Jentezen Franklin

7 Basic Steps to Successful Fasting and Prayer by Bill Bright

My One Word by Mike Ashcraft & Rachel Olsen

Daniel Fast Food List

The Daniel Fast is a very healthy way to eat and is full of nutritious and healthy foods. However, if you have special dietary needs, you should consult your health professional before you start this fast. You can then modify the fast to meet your specific health needs.

Foods to Include:

Fruits: fresh, frozen, dried, juiced or canned Vegetables: fresh, frozen, dried, juiced or canned Whole Grains: whole wheat, brown rice, millet, quinoa, oats, barley, grits, whole wheat pasta, whole wheat tortilla, rice cakes and popcorn Nuts and Seeds: sunflower seeds, cashews, peanuts, sesame. All nut butters including peanut butter

<u>Legumes:</u> canned or dried beans, pinto beans, split peas, lentils, black eyed peas, kidney beans, black beans, cannellini beans, white beans, etc. <u>Quality Oils:</u> olive, canola, grape seed, peanut, sesame, etc.

Beverages: water

Other: tofu, soy products, vinegar, seasonings, salt, herbs and spices

Foods to Avoid:

Meat and Animal Products: beef, lamb, pork, poultry, and fish

<u>Dairy Products:</u> milk, cheese, cream, butter, and eggs

<u>Sweetners:</u> sugar, honey, syrups, molasses, and cane juice

<u>Leavened Bread:</u> breads, including Ezekiel Bread (it contains yeast and honey) and baked goods <u>Refined and Processed Foods:</u> artificial flavorings, food additives, chemicals, white rice, white flour, and artificial preservatives

<u>Deep Fried Foods:</u> potato chips, french fries, corn chips

<u>Solid Fats:</u> shortening, margarine, lard and foods high in fat

<u>Beverages:</u> coffee, tea, herbal teas, carbonated beverages, energy drinks, and alcohol

For more information and recipes, visit the Daniel Fast Blog at:

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