

## 2020 Church Fast

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Just some of Ps John and Sharon's personal thoughts and studies for this fast

To fast means without food...abstinence from food or drink entirely if the fast lasted but a single day...or from customary or choice nourishment if it continued several days  
----Thayers Lexicon

**Pastor John: "We are now fully in preparation to get our spirit man and our souls, our intensity, our focus, ready for when Brother Jerry is going to come"**

Some key points to think on...

Fasting doesn't change God

Fasting the bible way sensitizes you spiritually to hear more clearly and see more clearly and know more surely.....for 2020

Make the most of it...be more intense

Whatever you have fasted on a church fast before...do more...

PURPOSE OF THE FAST...

This is our spiritual preparation to be spiritually ready to receive all the Lord has intended for us to have through the new open door in supernatural increase...

To make the progress we are supposed to make in:

Project Strike

Project Conditioning

Project Celebration

To encounter and experience everything He has planned

To sensitize ourselves spiritually to flow with Him with music ministry

And to have ears to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to us as He brings words to us through the ministry of Brother Jerry

And to have greater expectation for the new we have not seen or heard or experienced before from Brother Jerry

That we be not ashamed and shrink from the very Person of the Holy Spirit when He manifests Himself through His anointed vessels, Pastor John and Brother Jerry...

To humble our soul...our intellect, our will and our emotions...

To cause our spirit to be dominant

Our soul subject to our spirit man

So we are spiritually prepared

Giving ourselves every day to intermittent praying and praising while abstaining from our usual food of choice

Wonderful scriptures about fasting...

Matthew 18:1-4

<sup>1</sup> At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

<sup>2</sup> And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

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<sup>3</sup> *And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

<sup>4</sup> *Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. KJV*

HUMBLE OURSELVES WITH FASTING.....A BEAUTIFUL THING !!!!

GET OUR HEARTS READY

LIKE A LITTLE CHILD PREPARING TO RECEIVE FROM A MAN SENT TO US BY GOD HIS SHADOW---OUR EXPECTATION IS FROM THE LORD---OUR RECOGNITION IS FROM THE LORD---HE DOES USE MEN WITH GIFTS FROM JESUS TO FLOW THROUGH ....EVEN THEIR SHADOW !!!!! .....

*Psalm 10:17... Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear: KJV*

The Holy Spirit can **say** when we fast

He can always say....we are all too often taken up with the affairs of life and are not listening....however when we specially purpose in our heart to fast and pray to listen closely to the Holy Spirit then He will not be silent !!!!

We can rest assured He will have His say when we fast and pray...this scripture confirms this...

*Acts 13:2-4*

<sup>2</sup> *As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.*

<sup>3</sup> *And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.*

<sup>4</sup> *So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. KJV*

There are many examples of 'a people ' joining together in a special time of fasting for various purposes....always with a specific goal/outcome in mind...to hear what the Lord will say and do

It was almost always for deliverance from trouble, affliction...difficulty...danger...threat...great need...

*Ezra 8:21...Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance. KJV*

*Esther 4:16...Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. KJV*

Daniel knew there were certain things that should come to pass and he set his own face to fast and pray

Daniel 9:3-4

<sup>3</sup> And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplication, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

<sup>4</sup> And I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; KJV

Matthew 9:14-15

<sup>14</sup> Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?

<sup>15</sup> And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast. KJV

Bible dictionary on NT fasting from this verse....

FAST=NT:3522=NESTEUO=to abstain from food

"So long as the bridegroom is with them, they cannot fast; the days will come, however, when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and then they will fast."

Through the addition of these statements, which clearly have a Christological orientation (cf. the double reference to "the bridegroom"), the meaning of the pericope shifts. It no longer gives a theological-eschatological justification for the fact that Jesus' disciples could not fast, since the era of salvation has dawned; rather, the situation of the Church after the death of Jesus is now contrasted with the time when Jesus was still on earth, and the pericope seeks to explain the (new) practice of fasting to Christians (who are now represented by the disciples of Jesus) within the framework of the early church's "crucifixion-and-death Christology"

It thus seeks to justify the new Christian practice of fasting in contrast to that of Judaism (as whose representatives the disciples of the Pharisees now appear alongside the disciples of John), which possessed an essentially different motivation.

Jesus does not reject fasting per se; on the contrary, he lends it (along with prayer and almsgiving) great religious significance.

He does, however, oppose hypocritical fasting, which is done simply to be seen and praised by others (cf. v. 16 a).

In its place, he calls for fasting in which the orientation is completely toward God (as is the case with every true act of piety Fasting should, therefore, take place "in private" (v. 18: and be marked by "joy," which "corresponds strikingly well with the wedding motif in the saying on fasting"

Some guidelines of things to declare while we fast and pray

**Pastor John: We are now fully in preparation to get our spirit man and our souls, our intensity, our focus, ready for when Brother Jerry is going to come  
It's a time in our lives where God has chosen to accelerate our purpose  
We treat today as a holy day...**

I want to be one of those vessels that's ready to receive from him.

I am one of those ordinary people that is going to go out and put my mat out so that his shadow can fall across me.

I do recognize when God is using a vessel. I want something from God through that vessel because Peter's shadow could heal no one, it's only God that could heal someone when Peter's shadow fell on them.

My expectation is not from the man, my expectation is from God through the man. Hallelujah.

I am a son of God.

I'm going to get everything that God wants me to have.

I am free from everything that holds me back in my life because I am a son of God, in Jesus name. Hallelujah, hallelujah. When the devil wants to come and lie to you and say you're not good enough, you say:

I am free because I'm a son of God.

When the devil says you don't have enough faith, you say I've got the faith of God in my heart.

If the devil wants to lie to you about anything you can stand firm on what He says, the Word of God says, and you can just hide behind Jesus the whole time, the whole time. Hallelujah. Praise Jesus. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Just raise your hands and say thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord, this is a moment of celebration, this is a moment of victory in our lives. Hallelujah.

We are going to strike the ground in 2020, and we are going to go to new doors and supernatural increase in Jesus name.

The prayer that is going forth

This is where the power release is

In these churches that are teaching and training people to pray...these are the churches where the explosions and the Shekinah Glory of God will be manifest first  
Father, we qualify for this...we do not boast in this about ourselves as if we could earn anything from You

We do magnify Your promise through Your servant

We ask for the fulfilment of this now in this time of Yours that You have chosen for Yourself for Your Power and Your Glory to come and be seen in the earth

May this be one of Your places, Beloved Father

Your manifest corporate presence among us to the new degree of supernatural increase exponentially...that will change us eternally...

We get ourselves ready now, Lord

We need to be ready

More ready than before to receive the spiritual gift of Brother Jerry

That Jesus may do here His mighty works because of our BELIEF

*Matthew 13:58...And he [JESUS] did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief... KJV*

Matthew 17:19-21

<sup>19</sup> Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

<sup>20</sup> And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

<sup>21</sup> Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. KJV

THIS KIND OF UNBELIEF ONLY COMES OUT BY PRAYER AND FASTING  
UNBELIEF THROUGH FAMILIARITY !!!

We expect ever particle of familiarity to dematerialize as we fast and pray...  
As we humble our selves as a little child  
That we may receive the great changes within ourselves in order to enter fully into Your kingdom  
We seek first Your kingdom and Your way of doing things  
You are our first love Lord...

Lord, I thank You that I qualify for everything that You will bring because of the power of the Blood  
I deal with every accusation of the enemy at this time that I am not worthy  
In Christ, I am made righteous...

As a people with Pastor John, we pray together.  
We put all of our faith together.  
We increase our capacity together,  
So when Brother Jerry comes we can get everything that is his 50 years of faithful ministry  
That it all comes out  
The fullness of the office that he stands in  
The office of the Prophet and the office of the Apostle  
The ministry of the evangelist  
The spirit of seeing and knowing...

Lord that there be nothing in us that will stonewall You...prevent You from coming to us...

We declare that everything that should be will be.  
Everything that should not be according to You...will not be.

We purpose to not have a Thomas experience.  
We will deal immediately with any logical uncertainty.  
We fast and pray to have a strong spirit that will overwhelm any unbelief and familiarity and anything people have spoke to us that have caused us to live in a fog of doubt and uncertainty and unbelief.

What does the Lord say about 2020? ---Supernatural increase, because He is opening new doors.  
EVERYDAY !!!!

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"If you watch your step on the Sabbath (every day that you get up day) and don't use your Sabbath (every day that you get up day) for personal advantage, If you treat the Sabbath (every day that you get up day) as a day of joy, God's holy day (every day that you get up day) as a celebration, If you honor it by refusing to say that this is my life as normal or 'business as usual,' making money, running here and there— Then you'll be free to enjoy God! Oh, I'll make you ride high and soar above it all. I'll make you feast on the inheritance of your ancestor Jacob." Yes! God says so! (Isaiah 58:13 MSG)

**I wake up in the morning and I say,**

**"This is my day of celebration.**

**This is my day of joy. This is my day.**

**I'm going to give my day to God. I'm not going to make this business as usual, where I get up and I go to work every day and I'm just going to live my life like I normally do.**

**I'm going to wake up this morning and say, Lord where is my new door today?**

**Where's the new door today?**

**I'm going to celebrate You, I'm going to have joy in You. I'm going to put You first.**

**Where's my new day?**

**Where's my new door?**

**Where's my supernatural increase coming from?**

**My eyes are wide open. It's not business as usual."**

**Every day becomes a holy day for me.....**

**I'm free to enjoy God in everything that I do in your life.**

**Every day is my Sabbath day, because every day is my day in God.**

**Every day is my day for a celebration.**

**Every day is my day for joy.**

**Every day is my day that I'm going to say "It's not my business as usual.**

**It's not my life as usual."**

**This is a new day and every new day has got a new door potentially that I can walk through and it's got new things for me, supernatural increase for me.**

**I'm going to dream dreams and I'm going to have visions that God's going to give me.**

**I'm waiting for them to come upon me.**

**I'm waiting for them so that I can see them, so that I can walk into new things.**

**I'm not just waiting for a life as usual day, tomorrow to happen to me.**

**I'm going to get up tomorrow morning and I'm saying, "I am the one ready for change.**

**I'm one of those in the kingdom of God, where great change is coming.**

**I receive ideas.**

**I receive insights**

**I receive new revelations and concepts and all kinds of new things that are coming into my heart and mind from the mighty Person of the Holy Spirit**

**because I'm in a new day, through a new door, celebration, joy person. Hallelujah.**

How real does God have to be to you for you to believe in this?

Are you going to be a doubting Thomas that says "I'll believe it when I see it" or are you going to be someone that says **"I've seen Jesus and He's alive in my world today!"** Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

I'll tell you, you all know this, but it's worth saying again; many, many a day, Sharon and I have got up in our lives that we've lived all these years together and financial pressure is on us and all kinds of pressure is on us and we get up and we feel like we're walking on our lip.

When you're walking on your lip, you get up and you say, "I'm going to use my lip to praise Him. I'm not going to walk on my lip.

Me and Sharon did that many, many days.....we felt so bad and felt so defeated and felt so terrible, but we said, "We're going to praise You, Lord. We're going to praise You, Lord. We're going to praise You, Lord... The joy of the Lord is my strength. This is a day of my victory." I felt like I was defeated from yesterday till forever, you know, but I'm saying, "It's my day of victory! It's my day of victory!" Guess what happened –

**I didn't speak, what I felt, I spoke what His truth is. Guess what happened; victory came.**

If you walk on your lip, that's all you are going to get, is lip. If you roll up your lip and walk in God, you're going to get what He's got for you. I will praise You with my lips. My lips shall praise You every day. Hallelujah. I'm going to wake up every day and say, "Every day is my holy day. Every day is my joy day. Every day is my glory day. Every day is my rejoicing day. Every day, every day, every day!" Hallelujah.

"I'm just going to praise Him. This is my day of joy. This is my day of new doors. This is my day of new ideas, new insights and new concepts that are coming to me. I'm walking through new doors. This is my holy day. This is my celebration day. This is my day of joy with God.