



## 5 Days of Prayer and Fasting

“When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven.” Nehemiah 1:4

- Sunday, November 25 – 1:30 pm: State of the Church Forum
- Monday, November 26 – Friday, November 30: Renewal of the Church
  - 24-hour Prayer Chain: select an hour that you will be in prayer
  - 5 days of Fast: choose a type of fasting (Daniel, total, or partial fast)
  - Daily Scripture Reading and Devotional Questions
  - Sanctuary will be open for prayer: 7 am – 6:00 pm
- Friday, November 30 – 7:00 pm: Gathering in the sanctuary

## Daily Devotional Readings

Sunday, November 25

*“This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: The people are saying, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the Lord.’”<sup>3</sup> Then the Lord sent this message through the prophet Haggai: <sup>4</sup>“Why are you living in luxurious houses while my house lies in ruins? <sup>5</sup>This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: Look at what’s happening to you! <sup>6</sup>You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes! Haggai 1:2-6 (NLT) (also see Haggai 1:7-11)*

- According to Haggai, how had God’s people displeased the LORD?
- Does it ever seem like there are holes in your pockets; in which you never seem to have enough money? What are some ways in which you might be experiencing a drought in your life?

- What are some ways in which the LORD's house (our church) lays in ruins? What are some ways you can help rebuild the house of the LORD?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I repent for putting my own house before yours. As I seek to put the kingdom of heaven and its righteousness first, I'm trusting you to provide everything I need. My heart is open to ways I can help rebuild your house.

Monday, November 26

*"Then I said, "O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps his covenant of unfailing love with those who love him and obey his commands"*  
Nehemiah 1:5 (NLT)

- Recall three times "the great and awesome God" demonstrated his unfailing love in your life.
- Today, would God consider you as someone "who loves him and obeys his commands"?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you are an awesome and faithful God who is deserving of all praise. As you honor your covenant to me, help me to glorify you through a life of obedience to your commands.

Tuesday, November 27

*"listen to my prayer! Look down and see me praying night and day for your [church]..."*  
Nehemiah 1:6 (NLT)

- When you pray, do you ever feel like God is not listening? What things may keep God from hearing our prayers? (See Proverbs 16:29)
- What can we be confident of when we know God has heard our prayer? (See 1 John 5:14-15)

- When you pray, do you regular pray for the Church and your congregation or do only pray for your family, yourself, and your personal issues?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I thank you for being attentive to my cry. Holy Spirit purify my motives that I might not pray and ask according to my own will. Teach me to pray for the needs of others and for the Body of Christ.

Wednesday, November 28

*'I confess that we have sinned against you. Yes, even my own family and I have sinned! 7 We have sinned terribly by not obeying the commands, decrees, and regulations that you gave us through your servant Moses.'* Nehemiah 1:6-7 (NLT)

- Are there any unconfessed sins in your life? Are there any sins you and your family need to confess regarding your church?
- What specific commands, decrees, and regulations have you and your family failed to obey?
- What excuses have you used to justify your disobedience?

Prayer: Lord, search my heart, and reveal the areas where I have been disobedient. I confess that I have sinned against You. I ask for Your forgiveness. Today I choose to walk in obedience.

Thursday, November 29

*"The people you rescued by your great power and strong hand are your servants."* Nehemiah 1:10 (NLT)

- Recall three times God has rescued you or your family by his great power and strong hand.
- Can you recall a time you saw God rescued your church by his great and strong hand?

- What does Nehemiah mean by the word “servants”? Does your life meet the definition of a servant?
- If so, what is the motivation of your servanthood? If not, what is the reason for you not being a servant?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I am grateful that You have rescued me through Your great love and power. I owe You my love and devotion. Show me Your will for me as Your servant, and I will walk the path You have chosen for me.

Friday, November 30

*“O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who delight in honoring you.”* Nehemiah 1:11 (NLT)

- What three things are you doing for God’s house that demonstrate you delight in honoring the LORD?
- According to Nehemiah and Malachi, how had God’s people failed to honor the LORD? (See Nehemiah 12:44-47; 13:10-12 and Malachi 3:6-18)

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have called me to a life of service. As I continue to seek Your will, help me to take pleasure in serving You and others for Your glory.