



# January 13 to February 21, 2019

Life doesn't always go as planned. At some point, you'll face impossible obstacles and barriers - situations that make you think there's no way this is going to work out. But God wants to help you handle uncertainty when it comes your way. He is ready and willing to give you a breakthrough, but it doesn't just happen spontaneously; breakthroughs happen when you seek them. And the way you seek them is through prayer.

## **WHAT EXACTLY IS "40 DAYS OF PRAYER?"**

It is a church-wide spiritual growth campaign whose goal, obviously, is to help each of us grow in our relationship with God. 40 Days of Prayer is designed to unite our congregation in prayer. We will learn how to pray with more confidence and greater faith than ever before.

## **WHO IS THE CAMPAIGN FOR?**

Every person in our congregation - and as many people outside the congregation as we can invite. During your lifetime you'll spend 21 years sleeping, 5 years waiting in line and 3 years in meetings. Why not spend 40 days discovering how to unleash the power of prayer in your life?

**HOW DOES IT WORK?** We'll participate at three levels:

### **Individual level:** Daily Devotional Readings.

Everyone participating in the campaign will use 40 Days of Prayer Workbook for 40 days of devotional readings. The workbook contains the study guide for each small group lesson, daily prayer prompts, space for weekly sermon notes, and suggestions for further study.

### **Small Group Level:** Once-a-Week Small Group Study

Once a week you'll meet in a host home for a video-based, small-group study and discussion based on the readings for that week. Check out the host sites for all the opportunities.

### **Congregation Level:** A Seven-Week Sermon Series & Special Events

We'll hear a series of seven sermons on the purposes as well as participate special church-wide events designed to help people experience the power of prayer.

## **WHY 40 DAYS?**

The Bible is clear that God considers 40 days to be a spiritually significant period of time. God frequently used periods of 40 days when he prepared someone for His purposes.

- Noah's life was transformed by 40 days of rain
- Moses was transformed by 40 days on Mount Sinai
- The spies were transformed by 40 days in the Promised Land
- David was transformed by Goliath's 40-day challenge
- Elijah was transformed when God gave him 40 days of strength on one meal
- The city of Nineveh was transformed when God gave them 40 days to repent
- Jesus was empowered for His ministry by 40 days in the wilderness
- The disciples were transformed by 40 days with Jesus after His resurrection

**God wants to transform you through these "40 Days of Prayer" as we discover how to cultivate a powerful prayer life and experience breakthroughs in our prayers!**

Thanks for asking! Send your questions to [pastormike@gofriendship.com](mailto:pastormike@gofriendship.com)