

Pray First

Week 1

"Our seasons of fasting and prayer at the Tabernacle have been high days indeed; never has heaven's gate stood wider; never have our hearts been nearer the central glory."

[Charles Spurgeon]

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth..."

[Genesis 1:1]

"Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved."

[Matthew 24:11-13]

"There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in united prayer."

[A.T. Pierson]

Complete fast

Selective fast

Partial fast

Soul fast

Prayer- connects us to God

Fasting- disconnects us from the world

Fasting does not change God. Fasting changes you.

"Prayer is reaching out after the unseen, fasting is letting go of all that is seen and temporal."

[Andrew Murray]

"While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work which I have called them. So after they fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off."

[Acts 13:2-3]

Fasting: shows a hunger for God's leading

Fasting: was done in community

Fasting: is an occasion for the Spirit's special guidance

Fasting: is something that changes the course of history

"Lord, I have heard of Your fame; I stand in awe of Your deeds, Lord. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy."
[Habakkuk 3:2]

"Then Your light will break forth like the dawn, and Your healing will quickly appear; then Your righteousness will go before You, and the glory of the Lord will be Your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help and He will say: Here am I..."
[Isaiah 58:8-9]

Healing
Righteousness
Help

Prayer is the difference between the best you can do and the best God can do.