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“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.” Hebrews 13:15

Devotional Guide to 21 Days of Fasting





Message From

Rev. Dr. David L. Roberson,

Hello New Hope Members,

I bring greetings to you in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Let me begin by saying what a wonderful decision you have made to join us in this fast. Fasting has been the secret to obtaining favor and miraculous provision of receiving the tenderness of God. Fasting allows the gates of hell to shut and heaven's doors to unlock blessings.

I encourage you to take this time and go deeper in your relationship with God. Use this journal to set some goals and record revelations and breakthroughs. By being obedient, you are allowing God to birth out of you the dream or vision he has placed in you. Be strong and allow him to work. Do not think of what you are missing, think of what you are gaining. Know that fasting can be repentance, it can be used as part of your prayer and fasting should be done for the right reasons.

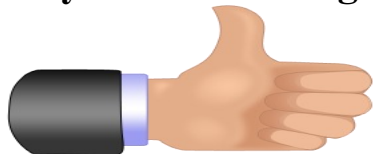
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.” Matthew 5:6



The following resources were used to obtain knowledge and information contained in this Devotional guide composed for New Hope Missionary Baptist Church for the 2014 fast.

- www.danielfast.com
- The Handbook of Bible Application – Neil S. Wilson
- Rev. Dr. David L. Roberson - New Hope MBC
- A Taste of Heaven Cookbook – New Hope MBC

Foods to include in your diet during the Daniel Fast



All fruits. These can be fresh, frozen, dried, juiced or canned. Fruits include but are not limited to apples, apricots, bananas, blackberries, blueberries, boysenberries, cantaloupe, cherries, cranberries, figs, grapefruit, grapes, guava, honeydew melon, kiwi, lemons, limes, mangoes, nectarines, oranges, papayas, peaches, pears, pineapples, plums, prunes, raisins, raspberries, strawberries, tangelos, tangerines, watermelon

All vegetables. These can be fresh, frozen, dried, juiced or canned. Vegetables include but are not limited to artichokes, asparagus, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, chili peppers, collard greens, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, garlic, ginger root, kale, leeks, lettuce, mushrooms, mustard greens, okra, onions, parsley, potatoes, radishes, rutabagas, scallions, spinach, sprouts, squashes, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, turnips, watercress, yams, zucchini, veggie burgers are an option if you are not allergic to soy.

All whole grains, including but not limited to whole wheat, brown rice, millet, quinoa, oats, barley, grits, whole wheat pasta, whole wheat tortillas, rice cakes and popcorn.

All nuts and seeds, including but not limited to sunflower seeds, cashews, peanuts, sesame. Also nut butters including peanut butter.

All legumes. These can be canned or dried. Legumes include but are not limited to dried beans, pinto beans, split peas, lentils, black eyed peas, kidney beans, black beans, cannellini beans, white beans.

All quality oils including but not limited to olive, canola, grape seed, peanut, and sesame.

Beverages: spring water, distilled water or other pure waters.

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

Notes



Remember, READ THE LABELS!

Plan your menus and prepare the foods so they are available to you. See the Daniel Fast Cookbook, plus there are many recipes on this site that you can make ahead.

Second, you might want to get rid of or at least put away foods that are tempting.

Third, plan time to prepare meals as they will likely take a little longer than when you are not fasting. Most of the meals you prepare will be from scratch since there are so few prepared products that don't have chemicals in them. So you will want to set aside enough time to prepare your meals, not only for those you will have at home, but also those you will have at work or when you are traveling.

Of course, you also want to prepare your heart for the 21-Day Fast. Seek the Lord's guidance as you get ready to start the fast. Are there issues in your life that you need to address? Are their needs in your family or ministry that can use special attention? Are you seeking healing? Do you feel oppressed by financial bandages? These last few days of the year are an excellent time to search your heart, open yourself to the Lord, and allow Him to lead you into your personal 21-Day Fast.

Shopping List:

Pastor's Final Words:



The Authority

of Jesus

“And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me”, and I will make you become fishers of men.” Mark 1:17

Congratulations and Thank God for New Hope! I pray we have all made it through the test of obedience with much success. As you have completed this fast, of overcoming the flesh, reflect back on how far you have come in your prayer life and your relationship with God.

I believe that praise puts us in tune with heaven. When we praise the Lord, we are actually in tune with the heavenly language. Heaven will be full of praise. Revelation 4 relates how the 24 elders fall down, casting crowns before the throne of God, and worship the Eternal One. Then Revelation 7 speaks of a great multitude that gives praise to God, New Hope we must give thanks and **Praise God for all things.**

We have had 21 days to get to know God better, intimately, let him have the Authority in your life and follow him. As we go forward in this New Year let us remember to pray for others that have also been on this journey. I pray continued blessings upon you and your families.

Rev. Dr. David L. Roberson



Day 21

RIGHTEOUSNESS

**“ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
Renew a right spirit within
me.” (Psalm 51:10)**

We are not righteous by nature. Because we are born as sinners (Psalm 51:5), our natural inclination is to please ourselves rather than God. David followed that inclination when he took another man's wife. We also follow it when we sin in anyway. Like David we must ask God to cleanse us from within (51:7), making room for clean thought and right desires. Right conduct can come only from a clean heart and spirit. Ask God to create a pure heart in you.

Recipe

Thick and Creamy Corn-Potato Soup

6 ears corn (cut off the cob)
6 medium-large red potatoes (chopped in 1/2 inch pieces)
6 carrots (finely chopped)
1 medium-large onion (finely chopped)
2 green peppers (finely chopped)
2 bay leaves
3 teaspoons thyme
2 teaspoons marjoram
3 teaspoons cumin
2 teaspoons sea salt
2 teaspoons pepper
3 32oz. boxes of vegetable broth
Water, as necessary

Put vegetables and spices in a large soup pot. Cook on medium heat, stirring occasionally for 15 minutes. Add broth and maintain a light boil. Cook 45 minutes to 1 hour. Remove from heat. Blend 3/4 of the soup mixture in a blender in batches. Put blended soup in a large bowl or container until the blending process is complete. Pour the blended soup back into the pot. Add water to thin and obtain the desired consistency. Heat through and serve. Serves 8-10 generously.

Portabella Steaks

6 portabella mushroom caps
1/2 cup fresh squeezed lemon juice
2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
2 tablespoons Pure Maple syrup
2 teaspoons fresh grated ginger
1/2 teaspoon marjoram

Wash mushrooms and place in a gallon size plastic sealable bag. Combine remaining ingredients in a bowl and stir to combine. Add to the mushrooms and marinate for a few hours. Grill indoors or out until cooked through.

Serve with baked sweet potatoes and grilled squash and asparagus.

Recipe

Maria's Curry brown rice Daniel Fast Recipe

Ingredients:

Brown rice

- 1-2 tspn curry powder
- 1/2 c frozen sweet peas
- 1/2 c corn
- 1/4 c onions
- 1/4 c tomato
- 1/2 tspn dried thyme leaves
- 1 tbsp virgin olive oil

Procedure:

1. Make the desired amount of brown rice.
2. Dice the onion and tomato.
3. Heat pan with olive oil. Mix in tomato, onions, thyme, corn, sweet peas and curry.
4. Stir until onion and tomato is cooked. Add water sparingly to keep it from sticking to the pan.
5. Add already cooked brown rice.
6. If desired add hot peppers such as jalapenos or scotch bonnet or leave the flammable spices out.

Angela's Veggie Soup Daniel Fast Recipe

- 1 28oz. can diced or crushed tomatoes
 - 1 6oz. can tomato paste
 - 1 can of tomato sauce
 - 1 can (drained) of corn, green beans, potatoes, English peas, carrots. Salt and pepper to taste
 - 2 medium onions diced, 1 tsp garlic, 4-5 bay leaves
- Add water to cover, cook in slow cooker for 3-4 hrs or on stove top.
Could also add mushrooms or other veggies you enjoy just be creative.

Fruit Smoothie

- 1/2 cup soy milk or fresh orange juice
- 1/2 cup frozen or fresh berries
- 1 banana
- 2-3 cub ice

Place all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth.



Day 20

UNITY

“ I pray that your love for each other will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in your knowledge and understanding. (Philippians 1:9)

The love commanded by Christ should create deep unity among Christians. All Christians are part of God's family and thus share equally in the transforming power of his love. Do you feel a deep love for fellow Christians, friends and strangers alike? Let Christ's love motivate you to love other Christians and to express that love in your actions toward them.



Day 19

UNITY

“Now that I am departing the world; I am leaving them behind and coming to you. Holy Father, keep them and care for them—all those you have given me—so that they will be united just as we are. (John 17:11)

Jesus’s great desire for his disciples was that they would become one. Jesus wanted his followers to be unified as a powerful witness to the reality of God’s love. Are you helping to unify the body of Christ, the church? You can pray for other Christians, avoid gossip, build others up, work together in humility, give your time and money, exalt Christ and refuse to get sidetracked arguing over divisive matters.

Recipe

Herb-Roasted Idaho Potato Fries recipe

Makes 4 servings

Ingredients:

1 pound small baking potatoes
2 tsp extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 tsp dried thyme
1/2 tsp dried rosemary
1/4 tsp salt
1/8 tsp freshly ground black pepper

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 425°F. Coat a heavy baking sheet with cooking spray.

Cut each potato in half crosswise. Place the halves cut side down on the cutting board and cut each into 4 wedges. Place the potatoes in a mound on the prepared baking sheet.

In a cup, mix the oil, thyme, rosemary, salt, and pepper. Pour over the potato wedges and toss to mix well. Spread the potatoes out on the sheet.

Bake, stirring 2 or 3 times, until tender and lightly browned, about 35 minutes. Serve hot.

Per serving: 110 calories, 2.5g fat, 21g carbohydrates, 2g protein, 2g fiber, 150mg sodium

Cantaloupe Tonight Melon Smoothie Daniel Fast recipe

- 1/2 medium-size cantaloupe, seeded and cut from the rind.
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- Juice of 2 limes (taste before you add all the juice at once)
- 1 medium-size, banana, peeled and cut into chunks
- Fresh mint leaves for garnish (optional)
- our addition: 2 cups of ice cubes - makes it like a frozen ice drink.

Mix all in a blender, and serve. Serves 2



Day 1 SERVING

“Elkanah and Hannah returned home to Ramah without Samuel. And the boy became the LORD’s helper, for he assisted Eli the priest. “ (1Samuel 2:11)

Serving others is one way of serving God. Because Samuel was Eli’s helper, he was God’s helper too. When you serve others— even in carrying out ordinary tasks— you are serving God.

Every job has dignity because ultimately, **the one we serve is God.**



Day 18 TEAMWORK

“Don’t be selfish, don’t live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. Don’t think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing. (Philippians 2:3-4)

Many people—even Christians—live only to make a good impression on others or to please themselves. But selfishness brings discord. When we work together caring for the problems of others as if they were our problems, we demonstrate Christ’s example of putting others first, and we experience unity. Don’t be so concerned about making a good impression or meeting your own needs that you strain relationships in God’s family.



Day 17

TEAMWORK

“We work together as partners who belong to God. You are God’s field, God’s building—not ours (1Corinthians 3:9)

Teamwork is a vital part of life in the body of Christ. God’s work involves many different individuals with a variety of gifts and abilities. There are no superstars in this task, only team members performing their own special roles.

We can become useful members of God’s team by setting aside our desires to receive glory for what we do. Don’t seek the praise that comes from people—it is comparatively worthless. Instead **seek approval from God!**



Day 2

SERVING

“Jesus called them together and said, “You know that in this world kings are tyrants, and officials lord it over the people, we are to serve them. But among you it should be quite different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant.” (Matthew 20:25-26)

By serving others, those in God’s kingdom turn the world’s values upside down. Jesus taught that the greatest person in God’s kingdom is the servant of all. Authority is given not for self-importance, ambition or respect, but for useful service to God and his creation.

Serving others is real leadership!



**Day 3
PRAISE**

“Around midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening.” Acts 16:25 (NLT)

Paul and Silas were stripped, beaten, and placed in stocks in the inner cell. Despite this dismal situation, they praised God, praying and singing as the prisoners listened. Did they feel like worshipping? Probably not. They were likely aching, tired, and scared. But they were determined to give glory to God, who they trusted was in control of their situation.

No matter what our circumstances, we can choose to praise God. Others may even come to Christ because of our example.



Day 16

SACRIFICE

“Dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? (Romans 12:1)

God is pleased with sacrificial living because it shows obedience and gratitude for his grace. God has good, pleasing and perfect plans for his children. He wants us to be transformed people with renewed minds living to honor and obey him. Because he wants only what is best for us, and because he gave his Son to make our new life possible, we should joyfully give ourselves as a living sacrifice for his service.



Day 15

SACRIFICE

“If you want to be perfect, go and sell all you have and give your money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then, come follow me.” (Matthew 19:21)

God is pleased with a sacrificial attitude that puts everything we have at his disposal. Should all believers sell everything they own? NO. We are responsible to care for our own needs and the needs of our families so we won't be a burden to others. We should, however, be willing to give up anything if God asks us to do so. This kind of attitude allows nothing to come between us and God and keeps us from using our God-given wealth selfishly. If you are not comforted by the fact that Christ did not tell all his followers to sell all their possessions then you may be too attached to what you have.



Day 4
PRAISE

“I will thank you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done.” (Psalm 9:1)

What is Praise?

Praise is saying thank you for every aspect of his divine nature. When we praise God, we help ourself by expanding our awareness of who he is. In each Psalm you read look for an attribute or characteristic of God for which you can thank him.

Praise is thanking God for his many gracious gifts.



Day 5

WORSHIP

“They entered the house where the child and his mother, Mary, were and they fell down before him and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:11)

Worship is bringing the best we have to Christ. The essence of true worship-honoring Christ for who he is and being willing to give him what is valuable to you.

Worship God because he is the perfect, just, and almighty Creator of the universe, worthy of the best you have to give.



Day 14

TRUST

Trust includes giving God our future plans. Look at your values and priorities. What is important to you? In what areas have you not acknowledged him? What is his advice? In many areas of your life you may already acknowledge God, but it is the areas where you attempt to restrict or ignore his influence that will cause you grief.

Make him a vital part of everything you do; then he will guide you because you will be working to accomplish his purposes.



Day 13

TRUST

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Trust involves heartfelt confidence in God. Leaning has the sense of putting your whole weight on something, resting on and trusting in that person or thing. We should always be willing to listen to and be corrected by God’s Word and wise counselors.

Bring your decisions to God in prayer, use the Bible as your guide, and follow God’s leading. He will make your paths straight by both guiding and protecting you.



Day 6

WORSHIP

“Even as he said it, a bright cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, and I am fully pleased with him. Listen to him.” (Matthew 17:5)

Genuine worship results in submission and obedience to Jesus. Jesus is more than just a great leader, a good example, a good influence or a great prophet. **He is the Son of God.** When you understand this profound truth, the only adequate response is worship.

When you have a correct understanding of Christ you will obey him.



Day 7

PRAYER

“You can be sure of this: The LORD has set apart the godly for himself. The LORD will answer when I call him. (Psalm 4:3)

Prayer is speaking with God . The godly are those who are faithful and devoted to God. We can be confident that God listens to our prayers and answers when we call on him.

When you feel as though your prayers are bouncing off the ceiling, remember that as a believer, you have been set apart by God– and he loves you. Look at your problems in the light of God’s power instead of looking at God in the shadow of your problem.



Day 12

(EFFECTIVE) FAITH

Effective faith is more concerned with its life than its size. A mustard seed is small but it is alive and growing. Like a tiny seed a small amount of genuine faith in God will take root and grow. Almost invisible at first, it will begin to spread, first under the ground and then visibly. Although each change will be gradual and imperceptible, soon this faith will have produced major results that will uproot and destroy competing loyalties.

We don’t need more faith; a tiny seed of faith is enough if it is alive and growing!



Day 11

(EFFECTIVE) FAITH

“One day the apostles said to the Lord, “We need more faith; tell us how to get it.” (Luke 17:5)

Effective faith depends on God. The disciple’s request was genuine, they wanted the faith necessary for radical forgiveness.

What is faith? It is total dependence on God and a willingness to do his will. It is complete and humble obedience to God’s will, readiness to do whatever he calls us to do.

The amount of faith isn’t as important as the right kind of faith—**faith in our all powerful God.**



Day 8

PRAYER

“So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace when we need it.” (Hebrews 4:16)

Prayer is an awesome privilege. Prayer is our approach to God and we are to come boldly. Some Christians approach God meekly with heads hung low afraid to ask him to meet their needs. Others pray flippantly, giving little thought to what they say. Come with reverence because he is your King. But also come with bold assurance because he is your Friend and Counselor.



Day 9

FORGIVENESS

“Now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other, Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. (John 13:34)

God consistently forgives us each time when we ask in repentance. Just as Jesus knew what the disciples would do, he did not change the course of events , nor did he stop loving them. In the same way, Jesus knows exactly what you will do to hurt him. Yet he still loves you unconditionally and will forgive you whenever you ask for it.

Don't let go of your faith in the one who loves you.



Day 10

FORGIVENESS

“Don't let evil get the best of you, but conquer evil by doing good.” (Romans 12:21)

Forgiveness is a mark of the Christian life. (Romans 12:17-21) Summarize the real core of Christian living. If we love someone the way Christ loves us. We will be willing to forgive.

Forgiveness is contrary to the pattern of the world. When someone hurts you deeply, instead of giving them what they deserve, Paul said to befriend him.

Forgiveness is an act of the will. Forgiveness involves both attitudes and actions. If you find it difficult to *feel* forgiving of those who have hurt you, try responding with kind actions.