

CALL TO PRAYER & FASTING — WEEK 5 (FEBRUARY 18-24, 2018)

First Free Church is seeking God's favor for our next season of ministry. This week we are calling our church to a time of prayer and fasting. For each meal that you are able to skip, pray through the material in this guide.

This week...

1. Pray for a brokenness that leads to a renewed hunger and thirst for God.
2. Pray for clear Biblical thinking, for eyes that see things as God sees them.
3. Submit your heart and mind to God's Word that call for sorrow.

5. CONTRITION Sorrow and Submission

SCRIPTURES

Psalms 34:15-18 "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to blot out their name from the earth. The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Joel 2:12-13 "'Even now,' declares the Lord, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.' Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity."

2 Corinthians 7:9-10 "Yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death."

1 John 1:5-10 "This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us."

REFLECTION

Mourning not just our woundedness but our rebellion prepares us for renewal. Submitting to the conviction of the Holy Spirit leads to repentance and God responds with forgiveness, healing and restoration.

PRAYER

Lord, we see that in you there is no darkness at all. We have offended you through our pride and disobedience. Break our hearts with your tender mercy. Teach us to submit to you in humility. Father, have mercy on us, according to your unfailing love. Blot out our sins according to your compassion. Cause us to rejoice in you, then we shall praise your name and tell of your goodness.

In Jesus' name, Amen!

**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF PRAYER
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 25 FROM 5-7PM!**



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