

CALL TO PRAYER & FASTING — WEEK 8 (MARCH 11-17, 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 clear eyes that distinguish the temporary from the eternal.
2. Pray for purity of heart, that you might see God and walk in confidence.
3. Fully commit to Christ as Lord, and honor him with your life.

8. VISION Seeing and Serenity

SCRIPTURES

2 Chronicles 16:8-9 "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction."

Hebrews 4:11-13 "Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience. For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account."

Luke 11:33-35 "No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are healthy, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are unhealthy, your body also is full of darkness. See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness."

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God"

REFLECTION

Acknowledging that God sees all frees us from the self-tyranny of independence. Experiencing the severe mercies that teach us how to kneel, God's love then raises us up. We begin to see clearly.

PRAYER

Lord, Search me and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Father, illumine our minds with that which is true, and noble, and right, and pure, and lovely, and excellent and praiseworthy. Help us hold firmly to the word of life that we might shine like stars in the sky, and guide a lost world to your redeeming love. In Jesus' name, Amen!

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



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