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# FASTING RESOURCE GUIDE

Whether you're joining our annual corporate fast, or wanting to fast on your own, we've included helpful information on types of fasts, frequently asked questions, and other resources to aid in your time of consecration.

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#### A MESSAGE FROM

# **OUR PASTOR**



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Founder & Senior Pastor

Greetings and welcome to this journey of intimacy with God! It is my prayer this guide be a resource not just for this month, but through your walk with Christ. I have seen the power of fasting in my own life, and as you begin to implement this principle, I believe you will to. So be encouraged, have a heart of expectation and enjoy the journey.



# THE FAST I CHOOSE...

With this guide, whether you are fasting for the first time or the one-hundredth time, our prayer is that you gain tools to grow in this foundational discipline. Included in this guide are helpful Bible plans, helpful books on fasting, ways to prepare for a fast among many others! Revisit this guide as many times as needed; we pray you are blessed by it's contents.

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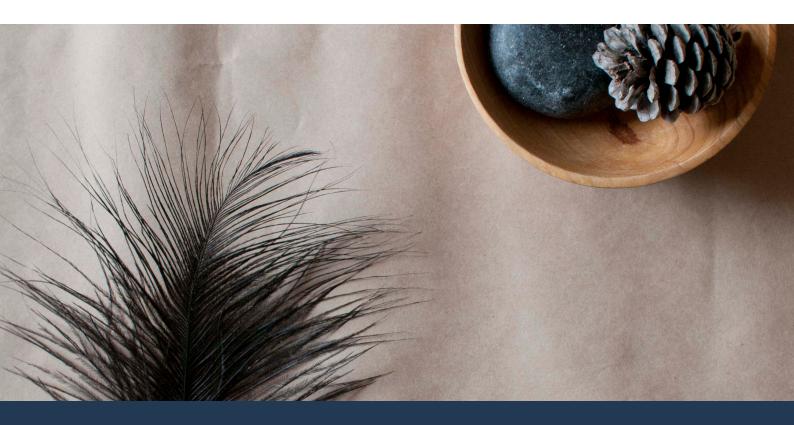
# DAILY FASTING SCHEDULE

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# INTRODUCTION

Isaiah 58:6-7 says, ""Isn't this the fast I choose: To break the chains of wickedness, to untie the ropes of the yoke, to set the oppressed free, and to tear off every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, to bring the poor and homeless into your house, to clothe the naked when you see him, and not to ignore your own flesh and blood? Then your light will appear like the dawn, and your recovery will come quickly. Your righteousness will go before you, and the Lord's glory will be your rear guard."

It can be easy to forget the purpose and focus of fasting, especially in the world we live in, but Isaiah gets us back on track. Fasting opens our spiritual eyes to things that are most important. Our focus is shifted from ourselves and is set on furthering the Kingdom. Deliverance, restoration, justice, advocacy and healing are just a few things that are furthered when we make fasting a priority. May this guide help you do just that.



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**ISAIAH 56:6** 

# **GETTING STARTED**

#### WHAT IS FASTING?

Fasting is simply abstaining from something, typically food, for a period of time. While some may typically partake in fasting to lose weight, the purpose of Biblical fasting is to draw closer to God through His Word and prayer.

### **REASONS TO FAST**

As noted in the book "Fasting by Dr. Jentezen Franklin, here are some questions to ponder when deciding whether or not to fast:

- Am I in need of a miracle or healing?
- 2 Am I needing clarity for a decision I need to make?
- **3** Do I need a fresh encounter with God?
- Do I desire a more intimate relationship with God?

Whatever your reason, it is important the purpose of fasting be central to your decision to fast. If our heart is to be seen as righteous or to merely carry out a religious ritual, our fast will be ineffective.

# THREE TYPES OF FASTS

**FULL FAST** - A full fast is where one completely abstains from food (drinking only water) for a determined period of time.

**PARTIAL FAST** - A partial fast is from sunup to sundown (or any 8-12 hour interval). An individual can choose either a full fast, a Daniel fast, or giving up one item of food.

**DANIEL FAST** - A Daniel fast is where on abstains from sweets, bread, and no meat. One is free to enjoy fruits, vegetables, juice and water.

**OTHER FASTS** - One can also abstain from movies, social media, going out, television or all processed foods. Whatever you decide to fast, remember it is your heart posture that is most important.

# FEATURED READING PLAN



Many of us long for spiritual revival for ourselves, our church, our community, our nation, our world. Through this plan you will commit 21 days to understanding revival, growing your passion for revival, and crying out to God for revival. The first week focuses on personal revival. The second week explores community revival. The final week shows how to prepare for revival. Now is the time to pray for revival.

As provided on the YouVersion Bible App by Queensland Baptists









Each week consists of three (3) days following the Daniel fast guidelines and two (2) days following a Partial fast from 6am-6pm following the Full fast. Reference the definitions for both on Page 7.

#### DAY ONE

Complete **Day One** of the featured reading plan.

DANIEL FAST

#### DAY TWO

Complete **Day Two** of the featured reading plan.

DANIEL FAST

#### DAY THREE

Complete **Day Three** of the featured reading plan.

PARTIAL - FULL (6AM-6PM)

#### DAY FOUR

Complete **Day Four** of the featured reading plan.

DANIEL FAST

#### **DAY FIVE**

Complete **Day Five** of the featured reading plan.

DANIEL FAST

#### DAY SIX

Complete **Day Six** of the featured reading plan.

**FULL** 

CONTINUED...

#### DAY SEVEN

Complete **Day Seven** of the featured reading plan.

DANIEL FAST

#### DAY EIGHT

Complete **Day Eight** of the featured reading plan.

DANIEL FAST

#### **DAY NINE**

Complete **Day Nine** of the featured reading plan.

PARTIAL - FULL (6AM-6PM)

#### **DAY TEN**

Complete **Day Ten** of the featured reading plan.

DANIEL FAST

#### DAY ELEVEN

Complete **Day Eleven** of the featured reading plan.

DANIEL FAST

#### DAY TWELVE

Complete **Day Twelve** of the featured reading plan.

PARTIAL - FULL (6AM-6PM)

CONTINUED...

#### DAY THIRTEEN

Complete **Day Thirteen** of the featured reading plan.

DANIEL FAST

#### **DAY FOURTEEN**

Complete **Day Fourteen** of the featured reading plan.

DANIEL FAST

#### DAY FIFTEEN

Complete **Day Fifteen** of the featured reading plan.

PARTIAL - FULL (6AM-6PM)

#### DAY SIXTEEN

Complete **Day Sixteen** of the featured reading plan.

DANIEL FAST

#### DAY SEVENTEEN

Complete **Day Seventeen** of the featured reading plan.

DANIEL FAST

#### DAY EIGHTEEN

Complete **Day Eighteen** of the featured reading plan.

PARTIAL - FULL (6AM-6PM)

CONTINUED...

#### DAY NINETEEN

Complete **Day Nineteen** of the featured reading plan.

DANIEL FAST

#### **DAY TWENTY**

Complete **Day Twenty** of the featured reading plan.

DANIEL FAST

#### DAY TWENTY-ONE

Complete **Day Twenty - One** of the featured reading plan.

PARTIAL - FULL (6AM-6PM)

# **FOODS TO ENJOY**

#### **ALL FRUITS**

**Apples** Guava Pears Turnips Honeydew Melon Pineapples **Apricots** Watercress Avocados Plums Yams Kiwi Bananas Lemons Prunes Zucchini Raisins Limes

**Berries** Breadfruit Mangoes Raspberries Cantaloupe Melons Strawberries Cherries **Tangelos** Mulberry Coconuts Nectarines Tangerines Dates Oats Watermelon Fifs Olives Sprouts

Grapefruit Oranges Squashes Papayas

Grapes **Sweet Potatoes** Grenadine Peaches Tomatoes

#### **SEEDS/NUTS**

All nuts (raw, Sprouts **Ground Flax** 

unsalted)

#### WHOLE GRAINS

Whole wheat Brown rice Millet Quinoa Oats

#### **OTHER**

Tofu Herbs Small amounts of Honey Soy products Small amounts of Small amounts of sea salt

Fzekiel bread

#### **ALL VEGETABLES**

Artichokes
Asparagus
Beets
Broccoli

Brussel sprouts
Cabbage
Carrots
Cauliflower
Celery

Chili peppers Collard greens

Corn Cumbers Eggplant Garlic Ginger root Kale

Leeks Lettuce Mushrooms

Mustard

Okra Onions Parsley

Peppers Potatoes Radishes Rutabagas Scallions Spinach

Black eyed peas Greens beans Green peas Kidney beans Peanuts (includes

natural peanut

butter)
Cashews
Walnuts
Sunflower
Rolled Oats

Plain Oatmeal (not instant oatmeal)

Grits (no butter) Whole wheat pasta

Beans
Lentils
Lupines
White Peas
Sesame
Almonds

Plain Rice Cakes Whole wheat tortillas

#### **LIQUIDS**

Water Unsweetened: Soy Milk

Almond Milk

Oat Milk

Herbal Tea (Caffeine free)

100% Fruit/Vegetable Juice (no added sugar)

# **FOODS TO AVOID**

All animal products including all meat, poultry, fish...
White rice
White bread
All deep fried foods
Caffeine
Coffee (including decaf b/c contains small amount of caffeine)
Carbonated beveraged Energy drinks

Foods containing preservatives, additives
Refined foods
Processed foods
Food additives
Refined sugar
Sugar substitutes
Raw sugar
Syrups
Molasses
Cane juice
White flour

Margarine
Shortening
High fat products
Butter
All leavened breads
Baked goods
All dairy:
Milk
Cheese
Yogurt
Cream
Eggs
Alcohol

Mayonaise



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