

Community Pentecostal Center's – 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting for Breakthrough

Week 3 – Our Focus is “Presence and Power”

Day 15 – Monday, April 14th .. (John 14:15 - 17) - “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

We have prayed through repentance and spiritual hunger over the last two weeks. As Jesus shared with the disciples before His crucifixion, this places us in readiness to experience the active presence of the Holy Spirit who we should know and recognize. Pray that God would increase your receptiveness to His communication to you by the Spirit. Pray that the Spirit would grow your daily mindfulness of His dwelling place with you. Pray for the Holy Spirit's help in completing this time of corporate fast.

Day 16 – Tuesday, April 15th .. (John 16:13 - 15) “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Pray for your recognition of and your trust in God's manifest voice, for there is no disunity in God. The Word declares the will of the Father; the Spirit reveals the truth of the Word. Pray for our church to be directed by the Spirit of truth over the convictions of men in both vision and action. Give thanks to God that He is a God of truth, that He is a God who communicates, and that He is a God we can trust.

Day 17 – Wednesday, April 16th .. (Acts 1:8 - 14) .. “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth ... Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying ... All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.”

The disciples at Jesus' ascension were given an assignment contingent upon a promise. We too want God to do what only God can do through our lives and our church for His glory. Pray with expectation and endurance. When you grow weary of praying or impatient with waiting, pray with the honest humility of the demon possessed boy's father: “I believe; help my unbelief (Mark 9: 24)!” Pray for the readiness to join God at work quickly and the tenacity to continue seeking Him unceasingly.

Day 18 – Thursday, April 17th .. (Acts 2:1 - 4) - “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Pray for steadfast unity in prayer - that as we complete this season of corporate prayer, prayer would not be returned to the shoulders (and knees) of a few. Pray for God’s manifest works by His Spirit to shatter the limits of our anticipation so as to exalt His glory above the talents and skills He has graciously given each of us. Pray that the church corporately, in Community Groups and in households, would be mesmerized by the awesome, revealed nature of our God.

Day 19 – Good Friday, April 19th .. (Acts 2:5 - 12) - “Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians -- we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.’ And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

We are vessels of the glory of God for the glory of God. We have been called sons and daughters of the one and only, true King Jesus for the reconciliation of our brothers and sisters still walking in their blindness and death. Pray that whether they are church-ed or unchurch-ed, religious or secular, destitute or wealthy, self-loathing or self-sufficient, pray that their unbelieving hearts would be amazed and perplexed by the manifestation of the Gospel. Pray that we would be faithful to proclaim the whole Gospel in our neighborhoods, our city, and the foreign outposts God has granted us around the world. Pray Ephesians 2:8 over the lost in all these places that “the gift of God” would be revealed in through faith in Christ Jesus.

Day 20 – Saturday, April 19th .. (Acts 4:31) - “And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.”

The Book of Acts is testimony to the relational nature God designed for Christians to experience with the Holy Spirit. The early church did not move on from Pentecost as if that was all of the Spirit they needed. Pray that we would continue to seek the leadership and affirmation of the Spirit in all things as our spiritual ancestors did. Pray

that the word of God would be spoken boldly from the pulpit for exhortation and instruction. Pray that the word of God would be spoken boldly in Christian relationships for encouragement and accountability. Pray that the word of God would be spoken boldly to unbelieving family and friends. Pray that the word of God would be spoken boldly in missional pursuits and unplanned encounters.

Day 21 – Easter Sunday, April 20th .. (Our 21 DAY FAST ENDS AT 6:44 AM) (Acts 8:26 - 40) - “Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ This is a desert place. And he rose and went. ... And the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over and join this chariot.’ So Philip ran to him ... And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through, he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.”

The life-altering leadership of the Lord does not always match our sensibilities or logic. Like Noah commissioned to build an ark in preparation for a flood when it had never rained, pray for the courage to obey God’s direction even when it doesn’t coincide with your previous experiences. Like Joseph before his brothers, torn between bitterness or forgiveness, pray for the grace to give God praise over the difficulty of past events and the wounds of sinful people. Like Philip leaving a fruitful ministry to take a hike in an abandoned desert, pray for the faith to follow God’s changing assignments in your life.