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2022 Prayer and Fasting Guide

Twenty-One Days of Fasting and Prayer for Spiritual Renewal and Deep Change

“Discipleship: Spreading the Gospel Beyond the Walls in A Digital World”

Matthew 28:19–20 | 1 Chronicles 12:32

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SCBC Theme for 2022

“Discipleship: Spreading the Gospel Beyond the Walls in A Digital World”

Matthew 28:19-20 | 1 Chronicles 12:32

Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns, Senior Pastor
Second Calvary Baptist Church

Our church theme for 2022 is “Discipleship: Spreading the Gospel Beyond the Walls in A Digital World.” There are two Scriptures from which our theme is drawn. First, the Scripture to which we refer as the Great Commission is found in Matthew 28:19-20, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” The second Scripture is 1 Chronicles 12:32, “And of the sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their kinsmen were at their command.” As your pastor and spiritual leader, I have always desired to do what is in the best interest and spiritual well-being of the church. We must all be aware of the times in which we live, using God’s gifts to expand the gospel globally.

The Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic has taught us three lessons: (1) We desperately need the fellowship with each other; (2) Second Calvary Baptist Church had to develop new skills using technology to remain connected to the members of the congregation (3) We could use new and innovative ways of spreading the gospel enabling us to continue discipling lost souls in a world that is digitally evolving every day. In the spirit of the sons of Issachar who understood the times and knew what Israel should do for the good of the nation, so too must we do what will promote inner transformation and propel Second Calvary Baptist Church to be a congregation of the future.

As we fast and pray over the next twenty-one days, let us invite the Holy Spirit to aid each congregant of our SCBC family in adjusting our thinking about how we remain committed to discipling lost souls. Digital ministry must be heightened and will play a vital role in how we disciple others using digital ministry.

The Power of Prayer and Fasting

January is a special month for the Second Calvary Baptist Church Family. Not only is it the beginning of the New Year, it is also the start of our period of spiritual cleansing and consecration.

Fasting is deliberately not eating food and, in some cases, not drinking water for the purpose of reaching a spiritual goal or achieving a spiritual goal. The priority is not to be on food intake, but a God intake, thus submitting our wills to God and allowing Him to draw us into a place of heightened spiritual awareness. Sincere fasting cleanses the heart.

Four Types of Fasts

Fasting is reducing the amount of food or liquids consumed over a specified period. When one abstains from eating for medical reasons this is referred to as detoxification of the body through the limiting of food. However, fasting is one of the means by which we develop a deeper life and faith in God. During the period in which one is fasting, time is set aside for prayer, reading Scripture, and meditation. Sometimes people will engage in doing good deeds as a part of their time of consecration.

There are several types of fasting. The one you choose is between you and God. He will honor your best sacrifice for spiritual renewal and deep inner cleansing.

Type one—a **Full Fast**. Drink only liquids. This is a normal fast in which one may abstain from eating food, although one may drink liquids over a specific time period.

Type two—a **Partial Fast** from 6:00 am to 12:00 pm, or from sunup to sundown. A partial fast is when one limits the amount of food or liquids for a specific period of time.

Type three—an **Absolute Fast** where one ceases to eat or drink for a specified period of time. You should consult your family physician before beginning a fast. If there are severe medical reasons that will limit your ability to fast from food or water, you should **not** attempt to do this. Rather, look for other ways that you can fast or participate, such as limiting how much time you spend watching television or surfing the Internet.

Type four—**The Daniel Fast**. Eat fruits and vegetables, drink water and juice. **No** meats, sweets, or breads. The website <https://draxe.com/daniel-fast/> provides information about the benefits of implementing aspects, if not all, of The Daniel Fast during our time of prayer and fasting. Additional references are cited in the End Notes and the Resource section of this guide.

May you go forth with joy and be led by His peace during our time of Spiritual Renewal.

The Daniel Fast

There are two references in the book of Daniel from which “The Daniel Fast” is drawn. Daniel, Chapter 1, describes how Daniel and his three friends ate only vegetables and drank only water. At the end of a 10-day trial period, Daniel and his friends appeared healthier than their peers who ate the rich foods from the royal table.

In Daniel, Chapter 10, Daniel fasts abstaining from pleasant food, meat, and wine. You too can gain a healthier body and clearer mind by following this fast in moderation.

Tips

- Engage in lots of prayer; we need God's strength and guidance.
- Keep your diet simple. Avoid highly processed foods in favor of simply prepared or raw vegetables.
- If for any reason you eat something you should not have during the fast, it is better to ask for forgiveness and continue than to stop the fast.
- If you are experiencing weakness or headaches, drink at least **8** glasses of water each day. Often, we do not understand just how much our body needs water, especially when fasting.
- Be careful not to drink too much water, because too much liquid can be as bad as not enough.
- Set a goal for how long you will fast. Ultimately, you may want to continue The Daniel Fast longer than first intended.
- Have a healthy stash of nuts on hand, especially at work to avoid those co-workers who always want to feed you.
- You may want to supplement your diet with a multi-vitamin.

Warnings

- During the time of fasting you will face temptations; resist them in the name of Jesus Christ.
- When you have finished fasting, eat light meals and slowly build up to your normal diet.

Things You Will Need

- A Bible
- A place and time(s) to pray
- A good variety of fruits and vegetables

Scripture References for Fasting:

- Matthew 6:16-18; Matthew 9:14-15; Luke 18:9-14

Relation to Prayer and Reading of the Word:

- 1 Samuel 1:6-8, 17-18; Nehemiah 1:4; Daniel 9:3, 20; Joel 2:12; Luke 2:37; Acts 10:30; Acts 13:2

Corporate Fasting:

- 1 Samuel 7:5-6; Ezra 8:21-23; Nehemiah 9:1-3; Joel 2:15-16; Jonah 3:5-10; Acts 27:33-37

Remember that it is the attitude of a heart sincerely seeking Him to which God responds with a blessing (*Isaiah 58; Jeremiah 14:12; 1 Corinthians 8:8*).

Times for Prayer and Fasting

Two time periods are suggested for fasting and prayer:

First—a partial fast of six hours (6 a.m. – 12 noon).

Second—a full day fast of twelve hours (6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.).

You can decide which fast works for you. Feel free to modify your fast according to your spiritual health and physical needs.

Fasting will begin on Monday, January 10, 2022.

Regular meals may resume on Sunday, January 30, 2022, after 6 pm.

Using and Following the Prayer and Fasting Guide

Many people spend a great deal of their lives complaining and looking for reasons why other people are not what we believe they should be. Deep inner personal change is one of the most difficult things to do, yet if we are willing to embark upon the journey, our lives, families, marriages, professions, and ministries will become so much more vibrant.

During the next twenty-one days, we will embark together on a journey of spiritual renewal and growth. Here are the steps to follow to get the most out of this period:

1. Resolve to follow the plan for the full twenty-one days, even when it looks like you cannot fulfill it. **Try not to miss a single day.**
2. Read the daily readings and take notes or write down your observations from what you glean.
3. Resolve to participate in one of the daily fasts – 6 or 12 hours. If you cannot fast every day, resolve to fast every other day or every third day. Establish how you will proceed. Consider The Daniel Fast, which is a partial fast that consists of fruits, vegetables, and water only. Eliminate all meat, dairy, and sugar products from the diet. Good results are guaranteed.

Twenty-One Days of Prayer and Fasting:

“Discipleship: Spreading the Gospel Beyond the Walls in A Digital World”

Did you ever imagine The Great Commission would extend to the world wide web? Proclaiming the Gospel message throughout the world is more prevalent on social media platforms than ever before. Going into the hedges and highways to compel all men—male and female—to be saved has expanded the Church’s mission field. Souls who may not grace the doors of our local assembly. Souls using search engines to connect with an online community of believers. Souls looking for hope and direction. Souls in need of a Savior. Ministers have Instagram accounts. A variety of biblical teachings are available on YouTube. Church services are live streamed on Facebook and linked to their church’s website. Ministries have embraced technology as a tool to spread the Gospel into all the world. The digital world may be the next mission field where disciples will become fishers of men.

As we journey through our Twenty-One Days of Prayer and Fasting together, we begin the first week taking a closer look at our thematic verse of The Great Commission. Matthew 28:19-20 ESV states: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Crucial to the work is discipleship. To make disciples, one must be a disciple. In Week One—**The Five W’s of Discipleship**—the selected devotionals speak to the who, what, where, when, and why of being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

When considering one’s online persona, one question bears consideration: What does our online persona reveal about our witness? Our messaging of The Gospel should point others to Christ – whether in person or in a virtual space. Week Two—**Online and Omnipresent**—challenges believers to think about their online witness. If posting content generates followers, then our digital presence should invite others to follow us as we follow Christ. May our digital footprint open a door to introduce someone to The Savior and strengthen other believers in the faith.

Finally, Week Three—**Discerning the Times**—addresses the second part of our thematic verse, "Issachar who understood the times and knew what to do" (1 Chronicles 12:32). Sensitivity to the changing times around us often causes a shift in ones’ perspective of mission and ministry engagement. COVID-19 shifted how believers fellowshiped and grew spiritually together. Thanks to our spiritual leadership, we knew what to do. Discernment proved beneficial to the vitality of our community outreach and ministry sustainability—thus casting a wider net to carry out The Great Commission.

Ministry of Congregational Spirituality

DAY 1: Monday, JANUARY 10, 2022

Scripture: “When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles.” **Luke 6:13**

Devotional Title: *Jesus Loves Misfits* by Reginald Smith

Study: Luke 6:12-16

Meditate:

It was time for Jesus to choose the ones who would be his apostles. He didn't go through normal hiring practices of accepting resumes, conducting background checks, and interviewing potential candidates. Jesus used a better way: he prayed for God's guidance in choosing his followers.

The list was not promising. Making the cut, among others, was a hothead named Simon, a doubter named Thomas, a tax collector named Matthew, and a betrayer named Judas. Most would trust and believe in Him. Some would deny him. All would abandon Him. Jesus knew all that. And He was willing to grant them His power to represent Him.

The word “apostle” means “one who is sent.” In other words, the apostles were chosen by the grace of God to be sent as His representatives to the world that needs a Savior. You and I are not chosen because of our pedigree, race, or spiritual grade point average. We are chosen to do things in His name that are beyond our imagining. The Master of the universe has asked the Father and the Spirit to fill us with radical obedience even when we often feel like running the other way. The King of kings has tapped us to be His witnesses. He came to save sinners like you and me. He chose sinners as the best representatives of living by grace alone.

Pray:

Jesus, thank You for making me Your ambassador. May I tell others all You have done for me. Amen.

Prayer Focus:

We are His misfits in the world, sent to tell others about Him. Let the church say, Amen!

DAY 2: Tuesday, JANUARY 11, 2022

Scripture: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit," **Matthew 28:19**

Devotional Title: *What Does Matthew 28:19 Mean?* Retrieved from Knowing-Jesus.com

Study: Matthew 28:19-20

Meditate:

Just before His ascension the Lord gave the Church their great commission, to go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. But discipleship is not synonymous with becoming a Christian. True discipleship can only happen after salvation – for a disciple is one that learns of Christ and keeps on learning of Him.

The commission Christ gave was to make disciples of all nations. A disciple of Christ is a learner of Christ, and we are all called to be disciples of Christ—to learn of Him and to mature in our faith. The commission Christ gave His own disciples at His ascension was not simply a call to evangelize the lost (who certainly need to learn about God's free gift of Salvation through Christ, so that they can trust Him as Savior). It is equally a call for all believers to learn of Christ and to keep on learning of Him throughout their whole life, and even to become teachers of Christ as we grow in our Christian life.

Too often Christ's commission is only seen as an evangelistic call to lost sinners, but it has far wider implications than that. It is equally a call to teach those that are saved – for all believers need to learn of Christ and to be grounded in the word of God – for God wants all people to be saved and also to come to a knowledge of the truth. It is a fact that all disciples of Christ are believers in Him but not all believers in Christ become His disciples. Only a believer who is learning of Christ and growing in grace can truly be called a disciple of Christ, but not all believers are disciples and not all believers are learners of Christ.

Pray:

Heavenly Father, it is my desire to know You more; to learn more of You and to become a true disciple of Jesus Christ. Give me a teachable spirit I pray, so that I may grow in grace. And I pray that You would enable me to go and disciple others in Your strength, so that together we all come to a knowledge of the truth in Christ Jesus, in Whose name I pray, AMEN.

Prayer Focus:

Let us all become true disciples of Christ as we learn more and more of Him.

DAY 3: Wednesday, JANUARY 12, 2022

Scripture: “teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” **Matthew 28:20**

Devotional Title: *What Does Matthew 28:20 Mean?* Retrieved from Knowing-Jesus.com

Study: Matthew 28:19-20

Meditate:

Just before ascending to the Father in heaven, the Lord Jesus commissioned His followers to go and make disciples of all the nations—teaching them to observe all things whatsoever He had commanded them, and then He made the most astonishing claim—and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Amen.

The Lord Jesus promised to be with His disciples forever and for always. He promised to be with each one of them. He promised to stay in union with each of His followers. He promised to remain in the midst of all of them. And His precious promise reaches down the centuries, touching each of His children, to the very end of the age. Jesus promises to be with us to the end of the world. He shall make a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth will pass away.

Jesus is our Good Shepherd, Who has said He would never leave us nor forsake us, no matter what situation we find ourselves in—no matter what difficult life-circumstances we face. He promised to be with us forever and always, no matter what burdens press in on us, no matter what personal difficulties embroil us, and no matter what impending evil is crouching in the shadows. All authority in heaven and earth and under the earth has been placed under His control, and He says with authority, “Lo, I am with You, even unto the very end.”

Pray:

Thank You Father for Jesus. Thank You that He is the Head of His body and thank You that He is with me no matter what difficulties press in on me or what evil circumstances surround me. Thank You for His reassuring presence and His precious promise to be with me always. Give me the grace and opportunity to witness for You and to teach the truth of Your Word, to all with whom I come in contact, to Your praise and glory, AMEN.

Prayer Focus

Lo, I am with You, even unto the very end.

DAY 4: Thursday, JANUARY 13, 2022

Scripture: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” **Mark 8:34**

Devotional Title: *Practicing Self-Denial* by Bill Sytsma

Study: Mark 8:31-38

Meditate:

Have you ever practiced the discipline of fasting? Although most followers of Christ agree that prayer is a valuable practice, there is some debate about the discipline of fasting. Fasting is the practice of refraining from normal activities to focus our attention on Christ. Most commonly, fasting is about avoiding food for a certain period of time.

In today’s verse, Jesus tells his disciples that following Him will require self-denial and sacrifice. We might be able to intellectually understand and agree with the call to self-denial. We might see the benefit of obeying Christ, even when it contradicts our desires. We might even sincerely pray that we would have the strength to obey him. However, when the time comes to lay aside our desires and obey God’s commands, we falter.

It is not easy to say no to our own desires, especially when we have the means to satisfy our whims. The discipline of fasting helps us practice saying no to ourselves.

Pray:

I confess, O Lord, that I often avoid doing the good I would like to do. I also admit that I regularly violate Your commands, in spite of my best intentions. Make me new, so that I am able to obey Your will. Amen.

Prayer Focus

We do not gain virtue points by saying no to eating a hot dog or not eating chocolate, but we do learn the habit of setting aside our desires to make room for pursuing God’s will.

DAY 5: Friday, JANUARY 14, 2022

Scripture: “Moreover, it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.” **1 Corinthians 4:2**

Devotional Title: *Continue to be Faithful!* – from Worthy Christian Devotions

Study: 1 Corinthians 4:2

Meditate:

In my first years serving the Lord, I was dedicated to serving with an inner-city bus ministry in the heart of Baltimore. We would go door to door and offer "free Sunday morning babysitting" for their kids. If they agreed to let us take their kids to church, we would come and pick them up early every Sunday morning. Many times, the obvious change in their kids' lives would make a great impression and their parents would be moved to come out to the church as well— then they too would give their lives to the Lord! It was exciting to see whole families come to faith! The following story touched my heart from Max Lucado's book, *God Came Near*.

Norman Geisler, as a child, went to a DVBS because he was invited by some neighbor children. He went back to the same church for Sunday School classes for 400 Sundays. Each week he was faithfully picked up by a bus driver. Week after week he attended church, but never made a commitment to Christ. Finally, during his senior year in High School, after being picked up for church over 400 times, he did commit his life to Christ. What if that bus driver had given up on Geisler at 395? What if the bus driver had said, "This kid is going nowhere spiritually, why waste any more time on him?"

All of us could use some work in the area of faithfulness. We have a responsibility to win hearts for the Lord, yes, but not only to win them. We need to stick by these baby believers, faithfully pray for them, serve them to the best of our ability, help them along the way, and not give up when the going gets tough!

Pray:

Lord, help us to be the faithful people You desire us to be! We want to be shining stars for You, doing what You have called us to do and doing it with excellence! We give You our lives once again today and thank You for loving us the way You do. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.

Prayer Focus

Discipleship requires faithful commitment to prayer, teaching, and service.

DAY 6: Saturday, JANUARY 15, 2022

Scripture: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples...” **Matthew 28:18**

Devotional Title: *Making Disciples As We Go* by Joel Vande Werken

Study: Matthew 28:16-20

Meditate:

Before Jesus ascended, he explained the mission that awaited his followers after he returned to his heavenly Father.

“Go and make disciples,” Jesus says. Although this may seem to involve two separate actions—going and making disciples—a better translation of this command is “Make disciples as you go along.” It is assumed that Jesus’ followers will often be “on the go” and actively doing something. And whether they are far away or close to home, their task is to walk alongside others by teaching them about Jesus and by demonstrating, through the work of the church, what it means to serve Him.

“Making disciples” does not mean just bringing others to a one-time “moment of decision.” It involves continued learning together, growing together, and increasingly understanding what God has done in sending Jesus to die for our sin and calling us to serve Him. All who follow the ascended Jesus share in this task.

Because we serve the Lord of all, we regularly ask ourselves whom God has in mind for us to meet as we go along. We seek to make disciples of our children, our neighbors, our co-workers, our whole world. And when we doubt or struggle in this task, Jesus promises that the authority of heaven will support us in it—always.

Pray:

Lord Jesus, we want to hear and follow You. Help us to be Your disciples, learning from You, that we may make disciples of others as we go along. Amen.

Prayer Focus

How can you carry out this calling as you go along today?

DAY 7: Sunday, JANUARY 16, 2022

Scripture: “Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. “**Acts 8:4**

Devotional Title: *Disciple Maker – Everyone* Retrieved from Short Daily Devotions.com

Study: Matthew 28:16-20

Meditate:

In the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, He calls the first disciples and tells them they will be fishers of men (Matthew 4:18-19). At the end of His ministry here on the Earth, the last command He gives them is to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20). As we read these, we can imagine that these commands were only for the disciples, or those who have been called specifically by God to grow the church. You might not even know what a disciple is or how to become a disciple; you figure the guy at church who is in charge of evangelism does that stuff.

In Acts, the book of the early church, there arose a great persecution in Jerusalem (8:1). God was doing awesome things through the disciples and people weren’t liking it. Acts 8:4 tells us that those who were scattered because of the persecution just kept preaching and growing the church. They were the ones going to Judea and Samaria, as Jesus said they would be in Acts 1:8. But, they weren’t the disciples. They weren’t the guys who Jesus said He would make fishers of men and commanded to make disciples. They weren’t the men who spent three years with Jesus on the Earth. The disciples stayed in Jerusalem (Acts 8:1) and the average Joe like you and me went out and made disciples.

The command to make disciples wasn’t just for a certain group of people, but for every Christian. The early church would have never grown as fast as it did if the first Christians thought it was the job of the disciples to do the disciple making. It also isn’t just the job of paid clergy today. Disciple making is the job of every believer.

Pray:

Lord, it is Your desire for everyone to know You. Help me to be a part of that. Help me to be a good disciple for Your kingdom and give me the grace to disciple others. Help me to advance Your kingdom every day. - *Prayer for Discipleship in the Nations* by Paige Deane

Prayer Focus

Who are you willing to disciple? What are you willing to disciple (teach)?

When are you willing to disciple? Where are you willing to disciple? And why?

DAY 8: Monday, JANUARY 17, 2022

Scripture: “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”
1 Corinthians 10:31

Devotional Title: *Digital Discipleship: For The Glory* by Linda Bailey

Study: 1 Corinthians 10:31

Meditate:

Elizabeth was passionate about writing. She loved creating characters and writing novels. After she had several books published, she started a Facebook group to teach other writers. She loved spending time with them and “talking shop”. She mentored and encouraged dozens of writers. She was quick to offer feedback and help others.

When she was seriously injured in a car accident, many of the writers she’d mentored reached out to her. One writer shared that she’d always been inspired by Elizabeth’s faith and her trust in God. At first, Elizabeth was confused. She couldn’t ever remember talking directly about her faith or telling others she was a Christian. But the other writer explained that Elizabeth’s faith was often apparent in their conversations.

Whether you realize it or not, you do share what you believe when you’re on social media. It comes across in the comments you leave, the pictures you upload, and the videos you broadcast. Like Elizabeth, you may never know the true impact that your faith has on those who are watching you.

Pray:

Father, help me to be kind online. Remind me that others are listening and watching even if I don’t always think about. Let me always honor You with the content I post. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Prayer Focus

So remember, when you log into social media accounts, post everything for the glory of God.

DAY 9: Tuesday, JANUARY 18, 2022

Scripture: “No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.” **1 Corinthians 10:24**

Devotional Title: *The Dos and Don'ts of Social Media* by Linda Bailey

Study: 1 Corinthians 10:23-33

Meditate:

Social media can be very self-centered. Some people just like to post constantly about themselves. It naturally lends to this as people write what they are thinking, what their children are doing, food they are eating, and places they are visiting. And then there are the selfies. A constant posting of photos that contain yourself more than your surroundings. But it doesn't have to be this way.

Posts I always appreciate are those that love on other people. As you can tag other members in your post, you can let them (and all your friends) know how thankful you are for them. Whenever someone does something nice for another, a grateful post can follow, sharing their appreciation. This is when social media is used for good rather than evil.

Application: When Paul was writing to the Corinthians in the first century, social media had not yet been invented.

And yet, 1 Corinthians 10:24 can easily be applied to how we function online. “No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.”

This is how we should act online, in our homes, in our workplaces, with our friends and even with strangers. If everyone was looking out for the good of others, then our world would be a better place.

In fact, we reflect the Kingdom of God every time we put our own good aside for the sake of someone else. Let's be more mindful of doing this in all areas of our life.

Pray:

Lord, You always look for the good of others. May we do the same today. Amen.

Prayer Focus

In what ways can we deny ourselves for the good of others?

Pick up your cross and follow Him.

DAY 10: Wednesday, JANUARY 19, 2022

Scripture: “In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,”
Ephesians 4:26

Devotional Title: *Changing Words* by Linda Bailey

Study: Ephesians 4:17-32

Meditate:

A cultural analyst recently reminded me of how words have changed in the last few years. A cloud is no longer something up in the sky that holds water. It’s a back-up method that stores your computer data. A tablet is no longer something you ingest to receive medication. It’s a portable screened device that holds computer games and programs.

Social media has brought a whole new language with LOL, ROFL, BRB and many more abbreviations and acronyms. And yet, with all the changing language, there are times when I read the Bible and I am blown away at how relevant it is to our current culture. The words may have been written thousands of years ago but their meaning still rings true.

This verse in Ephesians 4 is one such verse. I think the reminder “in your anger do not sin” is timely. Widespread communication is always at our fingertips and there are times when we should stop typing publicly and process our emotions privately.

It’s not just the teenagers who vent their anger on twitter or post hurtful comments on Facebook. The Bible gives us wise words in how we should manage our relationships—cyber and personal. If we take the time to read the Bible and apply it to our lives, then we will find ourselves becoming more Christlike in our behavior.

Pray:

Lord, give us the wisdom to acknowledge our anger and to deal with it effectively. Amen.

Prayer Focus

How would you grade your level of spiritual discipline of regular bible study and prayer?
Represent Christ with the words you speak and the words you post.

DAY 11: Thursday, JANUARY 20, 2022

Scripture: "Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man." **John 2:24-25**

Devotional Title: *Social Media Obsession* by Inspiration Ministries

Study: John 2

Meditate:

For many it has become an obsession—sharing gossip, posting humorous jokes or family photos, and networking. All this is part of the growing worldwide passion for social media.

A recent survey revealed that there are now more than 4 billion social media users, more than half the world's population. This increased more than 13% in just one year. On average, people spend more than two hours each day using social media, which is more than 10% of their total awake time.

It seems that everyone is using social media—including older people. The top reasons for using social media? Staying current with news and events, finding amusing content and entertainment, and connecting with friends and family. But more than a third of the time is spent just filling up spare time.

The Bible reminds us that our social lives are important. It is good to interact and show concern for others. But the Bible also warns against letting our lives be dominated by these interactions.

Jesus provided us with an example of balance. He was careful not to let the crowds dominate His schedule but made time with the Father, His priority. He knew how easily we can become more concerned about pleasing other people than God.

Pray.

Father, help me have the right priorities. Use me to impact others with the Gospel. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer Focus

Ask God to help you keep your social interactions in perspective. Don't let your life be dominated by what seems popular. Seek first the Kingdom of God.

DAY 12: Friday, JANUARY 21, 2022

Scripture: "...Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." **Matthew 5:16**

Devotional Title: *Sharing Your Light* by Daily Devotions and Prayer

Study: Matthew 5:16

Meditate:

Robert had been active daily on Facebook for years. He often posted photos about the adventures he was doing with his kids, how much he loved his wife, and what he was doing for his community. When Robert was injured in a job accident, he knew he'd probably never work in construction again. He'd loved the joy of working with his hands and he was disappointed that he'd have to start his career over.

A Facebook friend reached out to Robert to let him know about a small, local organization that was starting up. The organization would be focused on reaching out to at-risk teens. So, Robert went to meet with the director. "As soon as Brett suggested you, I wanted to meet with you," the director explained. "I've been following your posts on Facebook for a while, and I know you're the kind of mentor we need here."

Although Robert hadn't known it at the time, the posts about his family and his community were broadcasting his faith. He was delighted when the organization's director offered him a job, provided he completed a training period.

Pray:

God, help me to remember that everything I do online is a reflection of You. I want that reflection to be encouraging and uplifting. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer Focus

Does your online presence say you are a follower of Jesus?

DAY 13: Saturday, JANUARY 22, 2022

Scripture: “Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’” **Matthew 19:14**

Devotional Title: *Share Your Testimony* by Daily Devotions and Prayer

Study: Matthew 19:14

Meditate:

Lacey Buchanan’s son, Christian, was born blind and with a bilateral cleft palate. When Christian was a baby, Lacey sometimes received unkind remarks and hateful questions from those in public.

Not wanting strangers to be cruel, she began covering his car seat with a blanket and shielding his face from the world. But one day she heard God whisper not to hide her precious child any longer. So Lacey decided to educate those who remarked about her son. She created a video about his health conditions and how he was “fearfully and wonderfully made” just as he was.

Twenty-four hours after Lacey posted [the video](#), it went viral. Over six million people saw it and a media storm began. She went on to write a book about life with Christian, titling it *Through the Eyes of Hope* ([it’s available on Amazon](#)).

Sharing your testimony online can be a powerful way to encourage other Christians and draw others to Jesus. Don’t be afraid to show the world what God has done in your life!

Pray:

God, help me to be bold like Lacey was. I want to share what You have done for me and how amazing You are with others! Show me how to share my testimony. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Prayer Focus

We are called to be His witnesses; let’s testify about the goodness of the Lord.

Talk about His goodness online!

DAY 14: Sunday, JANUARY 23, 2022

Scripture: “He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.’”

Mark 16:15

Devotional Title: *Internet Evangelism* by Daily Devotions and Prayer

Study: Mark 16:15

Meditate:

Richard was almost seventy before he finally retired. He’d loved his job as a surgeon, and he’d enjoyed playing a small role in healing patients. But after he retired, Richard felt stuck. He wasn’t sure what to do next. He felt a tug toward ministry, but he wasn’t sure how to get started. When he heard about the concept of “internet evangelism,” he was fascinated. He searched online and saw dozens of opportunities. He experimented and tried several. Then he discovered [Peace with God](#).

This online ministry outlines the Gospel story and invites visitors to pray for salvation. But it also invites visitors to submit questions about God and faith directly to the website. Each question is personally answered by a volunteer.

Richard went to [Search for Jesus](#) and applied to become a volunteer. Now, he spends two afternoons every week answering spiritual questions and leading others to the Lord.

Sometimes, it’s tempting to believe that you have nothing to contribute to the church. But like Richard, you can serve God by giving of your time or your talents.

Pray:

God, please help me to use my time and gifts to honor You. Show me how I can reach out and minister to those around me.

Prayer Focus

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost wherever they are. Let us carry out the Great Commission and help people to find Jesus.

DAY 15: Monday, JANUARY 24, 2022

Scripture: “Some Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus... ‘Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders?’ ‘Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?’” **Matthew 15:1-3**

Devotional Title: *Shifting Standards* by Inspiration Ministries

Study: Matthew 15

Meditate:

The world has been transformed by the social media phenomenon. A recent survey reported that more than 70 percent of all adults in the U.S. are regular users of social network sites. Millions are now self-proclaimed social media addicts. More than a third admit that checking social media sites is the first thing they do each morning! And more than half of all teens in the U.S. admit to being addicted to their smart phone. In the process, these social networks are becoming more powerful in shaping beliefs and influencing thoughts. This growth illustrates timeless tendencies: To be curious. To want to know what other people think. To want to be popular. To stay in step with the trends of our time. To stay informed about the latest rumors and gossip.

Jesus dealt with these problems in His encounters with Jewish leaders. They felt that His disciples were “breaking” their traditions. Jesus then used the same Greek word (here translated “transgress”) to describe their actions. This word gives the sense of not going along with an action, but rather going to the side of it. Jesus then used another similar Greek word, here translated “tradition.” These were ideas and beliefs that had been transmitted from person to person. Not God’s commands, but the social networks of their time.

Jesus was saying that God had given permanent commandments. Timeless standards. The foundations of life, for every generation, for every person. But some had shifted their foundation away from God onto themselves. They weren’t focused on His Word but on human customs. Remember, it is easy to get caught up in social media or popular opinions. Don’t let this happen to you! Make sure you focus on God’s timeless Word. Make it your standard! Always!

Pray:

Father, give me boldness to stand for truth. Fill me with Your Spirit. Give me greater discernment about Your Word. Use me for Your Kingdom. In Jesus’ name, Amen

Prayer Focus

Pray for the social media outreach of Second Calvary Baptist Church

DAY 16: Tuesday, JANUARY 25, 2022

Scripture “Of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command.”

1 Chronicles 12:32

Devotional Title: *Understanding the Times* by Chris Oyakhilom

Study: Proverbs 3:5-6

Meditate:

“I just don’t know why this world is the way it is; it’s as though just anything happens these days.”
“Why do you keep saying that Sam?” Neil asked. “You already know you’re in charge of your life; get into the Word and discover you’re different from the world. Stop with the confused talk.”

Too many people, like Sam, don’t know the day in which they’re living. They live life blindly, thinking that all they see is all there is. The children of Issachar were, however, different. They had the understanding of the times and understood that there was more to life than what their physical eyes could see.

There are times and seasons in the realm of the Spirit, just as there are times and seasons here on earth. If you miss God’s plan for you at the time it came, it just might take a while before that cycle comes again. It could even take as much as ten years or more before this happens. Thus, it’s so important to understand the times.

To understand the times is to have insight into the mind of God, regarding a particular time in His heavenly calendar. For example, the Bible says that Daniel found out, while reading the book of the Prophet Jeremiah, that the time for Israel’s deliverance from bondage had come (Daniel 9:1-20). That’s why he began to pray for Israel as soon as he discovered this truth. In other words, even though the time for Israel’s deliverance had come, they were still in captivity, and so Daniel had to intercede.

Pray:

Father, I thank You for the wisdom that comes to me through Your Word. May that wisdom fill me and cause me to walk in Your will for my life, in Jesus’ name. Amen

Prayer Focus

Don’t live your life saying, “Whatever will be will be;” rather, fill your heart with the Word, for its only through your knowledge of the Word that the Holy Spirit can open your mind to the realm of the Spirit and give you insight into God’s plans and purposes (John 16:13).

DAY 17: Wednesday, JANUARY 26, 2022

Scripture: “Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?” **Isaiah 43:19**

Devotional Title: *Pay Attention to What God is Doing* by Megan Valentine.

Study: Isaiah 43:19

Meditate:

Often God is doing a work within us, around us or through us and we completely miss it. Change... new... those things are uncomfortable. Why not just stay right where we are? And just keep doing what we do?

We don't hit the pause button often enough to stop and to consider, to evaluate and to dream, and to pray to see if maybe, just maybe, there might be something different, something new—or quite possibly something even greater out there for us.

We feel a stirring for more, but we ignore it. We sense something or someone trying to get our attention, but we breeze right past it. We don't give ourselves permission to explore and dig deep. We avoid the whisper, turn away from change, and shut down the process long before it can ever begin. So, the gentle whisper within grows quieter, and more time continues to pass by. Our one and only life continues to pass by.

Pray:

God, give me a brave spirit today. Help me to do something new. I know that nothing will change unless I make the change. Be with me as I attempt something different. Help me make a new way with courage. Amen. [A Prayer to Do Something New \[Isaiah 43:19\] - Daily Prayer Guide](#)

Prayer Focus

Would you be okay if the next decade of your life looks just like the last decade? If not, what are you doing about it?

DAY 18: Thursday, JANUARY 27, 2022

Scripture: “No one pours new wine into old wineskins.” Mark 2:22

Devotional Title: *New Wineskins* by John Kuperus

Study: Mark 2:18-22

Meditate:

As we read through the gospels, a disturbing revelation comes to light. The religious people of Jesus’ day were totally missing a new thing God was doing by sending his Son into the world. One religious’ group—the Pharisees—were much disciplined. They fasted twice a week, tithed a tenth of their goods, and faithfully read God’s Word and prayed. Yet, as the heavens poured out new wine by sending God’s Son into the world, the religious leaders did not embrace Him. What happened? Could we make that same mistake today?

In today’s verses Jesus is asked why His disciples do not fast. He replies, “How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while He is with them?” The purpose of fasting was to deny and humble oneself before God, seeking His mercy and help from danger and from the influence of sin. It drew people closer to God and helped them focus on living for the Lord. But fasting was not necessary for Jesus’ followers while He was with them; they were living every day in God’s presence.

The Pharisees were diligent about spiritual disciplines, but their hearts were not connected with God. And, yes, we can make that same mistake today. God continues to do new things on the earth.

Pray:

Lord, help us see the work you are doing among us today, and to join in with enthusiasm! In Your name, Amen.

Prayer Focus

Are we so used to doing things a certain way that we have lost contact with the Lord of the universe? Do we recognize Jesus as He shows up in our world?

DAY 19: Friday, JANUARY 28, 2022

Scripture: “And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.” **1 Chronicles 12:32**

Devotional Title: *Become like the children of Issachar!* by Worthy Daily Devotional

Study: 1 Chronicles 12:32

Meditate:

Yesterday, I had the privilege of spending time with a pastor and his wife who have been in the ministry for decades, and they shared with us some great wisdom. One of the words given was "be like the children of Issachar." Of course, I had to ask what this meant. So, he referred me to 1 Chronicles 12:32. The children of Issachar were men who "understood the times, to know what Israel ought to do." The Hebrew word for "understanding," "bee-nah," has a root which also means discernment, wisdom, perception and knowledge.

We live in a day and age in which discernment is a sorely needed gift in the body of Christ—and praise God, it's a gift which is freely given by the Holy Spirit! (1 Corinthians 12:10) Why? Because the enemy of our souls is cunning and subtle, and a major sign of the times is the proliferation of "seducing spirits" and "doctrines of devils" (1 Timothy 4:1).

A.W. Tozer once stated, "The red corpuscles are like faith—they carry the life-giving oxygen to every part of the body. The white cells are like discernment—they pounce upon dead and toxic matter and carry it out to the drain. In a healthy heart there must be provision for keeping dead and poisonous matter out of the life stream."

So how can we become like the children of Issachar? By building up our spiritual immune system! We need to ask for and develop the spiritual gift of discernment, not falling into the trap of spiritual laziness where we fail to discern truth from error, or to identify the enemy's spiritual toxins which could poison us. Let's ask God for this important gift!

Pray:

Father, open my spiritual eyes to see what my physical eyes cannot see in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prayer Focus

Let's ask the Spirit of Truth to lead and guide us with discernment every step of the way so that we become like the children of Issachar—able to understand the times and to know what we ought to do.

DAY 20: Saturday, JANUARY 29, 2022

Scripture: “I tell the truth ... my conscience also bearing me witness ... I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren.” **Romans 9:1-3**

Devotional Title: *Reaching the Lost* by Inspiration Ministries

Study: Romans 9

Meditate:

Paul’s feelings were so strong that he was not sure others would believe him. So, he assured them that he was telling the truth, that he was not lying, that his conscience bore witness in the Spirit, and that he had “*great sorrow and continual grief*” in his heart. What was so important? The Jews’ response to the Gospel.

He even was willing to exchange his salvation for theirs. If it were possible, he would sacrifice himself on behalf of the Jews and himself be cursed by God in their stead. That was the degree of his passion.

Yes, Paul cared deeply about the Jews, “his” people. But, in fact, he also was demonstrating his commitment to God and His kingdom. He knew that the Gospel message was true, and he realized the implications for those who rejected salvation. Paul had dedicated his life and everything he had to reach people with the Gospel.

Today, God looks for people with that same kind of dedication to and that same passion for the Gospel. He looks for people whose hearts break at the thought of others going to hell without Jesus, who are willing to sacrifice that others might be saved.

Pray:

Father, these are people who need salvation: _____. I commit them to You. Open their eyes. Use me to impact others. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Prayer Focus

Right now, ask God to search your heart and give you a passion to reach the lost. Dedicate your resources to spread the Gospel. Make it your prayer to seek Him first.

DAY 21: Sunday, JANUARY 30, 2022

Scripture: “You will be my witnesses.” Acts 1:8

Devotional Title: *A New Mission* by Chris Rappazini

Study: Matthew 28:16–20

Meditate:

Living for Jesus is like running a marathon. It is not a quick sprint to the finish line. Rather, it takes sacrifice, perseverance, and energy. This was also true for the first disciples of Jesus. They had no idea what their earthly future would hold, they just knew they had to keep going.

You will be my witnesses. -- Acts 1:8

The Great Commission may be familiar to you, but one of the most interesting comments Matthew makes is that when the eleven disciples gathered to see Jesus, they worshiped Him, “but some doubted” (v. 17). Although we don’t know who, the word “some” connotes it was more than just one. This was not disbelief in the resurrection, for the resurrected Christ was now undeniable. Rather the word *doubt* here is more likely their general state of uncertainty and hesitation. Jesus used these last moments to communicate their new mission (vv. 18–20). In the original language, the beginning of Jesus’ command in verse 19 is best understood as “Go! *And* make disciples!” The language denotes urgency for them to leave this place, to go beyond Galilee. In Acts, Jesus challenged His disciples to be witnesses, literally “martyrs,” for Him throughout Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). Wherever the Lord would lead, they were to be in the business of making disciples.

Jesus knew their future would not be easy. The Master Shepherd knew they were fallible, after all, sheep can sometimes be stubborn, run astray, and even bite back. But the disciples could rest assured, that no matter the challenges they might face, the Lord would be with them always (Matthew 28:20). The Great Commission is our mission, too. And wherever the Lord leads you during this new year, He will be with you every step of the way.

Pray:

Lord, I pray for every member of the body of Christ that You will pour upon them also the Spirit of wisdom so they will know Your heart for them, and they will walk in the center of Your will in Jesus’ name, Amen.

Prayer Focus

Are you experiencing doubt about the year ahead? Ask God to direct your feet to go and share the message of Jesus. As you go, make disciples by pouring into people’s lives.

CONCLUSION

Seasons change, but the message does not. “Go ye therefore and make disciple of all men, teaching them to obey all I have commanded you.” The comforting part of Matthew 28:19-20 is Our Lord’s assurance that He will be with His disciples—us—until the end of the age. As we conclude our time of corporate prayer and fasting, know that His Presence is with us wherever we go.

Each member of the Body of Christ has a personal accountability to represent Christlikeness as His witnesses. The excellency of His Name goes beyond the walls of our sanctuary to declare the good news of our Risen Savior. Believers are called to be ambassadors for Christ at work, home, within our community, as well as our online community.

The Psalmist invocation exhorts Israel in her mission to make the God of Israel known to all people:

“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name, make known among the nations what he has done.” Psalm 105:1 NIV

Shall we not praise Him? Shall we not proclaim His name and spread the Gospel—wherever we go—even into the digital world?

The Ministry of Congregational Spirituality prays that the Lord has spoken to His people throughout our Twenty-One Days of consecration. We lift Second Calvary Baptist Church in its continual quest to enlarge His territory in the earth through discipleship—thereby advancing the Kingdom of God through our eight core ministries—modeling and teaching all Jesus has commanded.

Philemon 1:6 states, “And I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.”

May this be our hearts’ cry going forth in 2022.

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Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for blessing Second Calvary Baptist Church with the technological resources to expand its outreach ministry beyond the walls of our sanctuary. We pray that social media will not have dominion over us but will equip believers to carry out our Savior's mandate to go into all the world to proclaim and to teach all You have entrusted to us for the building up and to the saving of souls.

Knit our hearts to Your Heart for the lost, the hurting, and the disenfranchised. As we surrender our digital platforms to spread the Gospel, we look to You Holy Spirit to order our digital footsteps, guide our twitter fingers, and umpire our hearts in the best practices of technology for discipleship—to prepare the saints to touch souls with the hope that we have in Christ as followers of Jesus.

Thank you, Holy Spirit, for Your guidance and spiritual discernment to meet people where they are. Grant us Your Peace in knowing whatsoever is posted will bring You praise and glory to God and to The Lamb. May our conduct and our content be pleasing in Your sight. Forgive our insensitive comments, pictures, or any liberties that might have been a stumbling block to other believers modeling our Christian walk.

Thank You Lord for blotting out our transgressions and our online offenses. Teach us how to disciple others, to be mindful of our personal and online communication—to honor You in our relationships for Christ's sake.

May we create digital paths for others to hear Jesus' call to "Follow Me." For You, O Lord are Omniscient and Omnipresent in every place and in every virtual space. For there is no place where Your voice shall not be heard. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.

