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**Daily Journal - Week of Prayer and Fasting  
January 07-14, 2018**



# Calling our BFMC Family to Prayer and Fasting

Theme: Surrender

Passage: *John 3:22-30 (NIV)*

*<sup>22</sup>After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized. <sup>23</sup>Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were constantly coming to be baptized. <sup>24</sup>(This was before John was put in prison.) <sup>25</sup>An argument developed between some of John's disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing. <sup>26</sup>They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan--the one you testified about--well, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him." <sup>27</sup>To this John replied, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven. <sup>28</sup>You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of him.' <sup>29</sup>The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. <sup>30</sup>He must become greater; I must become less.*

## The Schedule

Date & Time	Prayer Focus	Location
Sun. January 7 – 10am	Covenant Service	Auditorium
Sun., January 7 – 6-7pm	Supper and Family Prayer	Room 115/116
Mon. January 8 – 7-8pm	Marriages & Family	Auditorium
Tues. January 9 – 7-8pm	For those who don't know Jesus yet	Auditorium
Wed. January 10 – 7-8pm	BFMC Ministries	Auditorium
Thurs. January 11 – 7-8pm	Government	Auditorium
Fri. January 12 – 7-8pm	Community – Outreach	Auditorium
Sun. January 14, 7-8pm	Healing Service	Auditorium

# - Questions about Prayer & Fasting -

**Why a week of prayer and fasting?** A new year is coming and each year we set aside time at the beginning of the year to pause as a family and seek the Lord together. By setting aside this first full week of the New Year, we declare that God comes first and we desire to know His plans and purposes for our families & our church! We recognise that not everyone will be able to make it out to every evening, but we hope that each of you will be able to come for at least one of the prayer services.

**What to Pray?** Each day has a prayer focus. We encourage you to use this guide as you pray each day, but most importantly... pray what the Lord lays on your heart!

**How do I pray?** You can pray by yourself, with another person, or in a group. You can pray in the quiet place, as you walk or as you drive around your community. You could focus on John 15:5-8, asking the Lord to speak to you via this passage. You can write out your prayers in a journal, whisper them to The LORD or have an out loud conversation with The LORD. Experiment with your prayer time.

## **When to Pray?**

1. As often as the Lord leads or for those who need some parameters, I encourage you to set aside a specific time AND a specific place each day to pray.
2. We also invite you to join the church family each evening as together we talk with the Lord.
3. Encourage your small group to join in with the evening prayer service. There will be no ministry related activities during this week other than the evening prayer services each evening from 7-8pm.

**What to Fast?** For each person it will be different. We realize that some may not be able to fast from food (diabetic etc), so ask The LORD how He would have you fast. For some it will be one meal each day, for others it will be a 24 hour fast with just water, for others it will be removing TV and other technologies that we spend our time on.

**What is the purpose of Fasting?** When a believer sacrifices their natural desire for food in order to spend time seeking God regarding specific issues – This is considered a FAST.

The intention is that all the time that would be spent acquiring, preparing and consuming food will be spent in the presence of God through prayer, worship or meditation on the Word, taking our eyes off the things of this world to focus completely on God. Fasting is a way to demonstrate to God, and to ourselves, that we are serious about our relationship with Him. Fasting helps us gain a new perspective and a renewed reliance upon God.

The Bible presents fasting as something that is good, profitable, and beneficial. Fasting and prayer are often linked together (Luke 2:37; 5:33).

The Biblical passages reveal several reasons for fasting:

1. *Release from sickness (David).*
2. *Seeking God's help/intervention (Jehoshaphat/The Apostles).*
3. *Safety (Ezra)*
4. *Favour (Esther)*
5. *Repentance/humility (Nehemiah/Daniel/Ninevah)*
6. *Break chains of injustice, untie the cords of the yoke, release of the oppressed (Isaiah 58)*
7. *A regular practice of opening ourselves up to The LORD (Jesus)*

There are more than 25 Biblical references to fasting: ***Samuel 12:23, 2 Chronicles 20:3, Ezra 8:21, Nehemiah 9:1, Esther 4:3, Esther 4:16, Esther 9:31, Psalm 35:13, Isaiah 58:3-6, Jeremiah 14:12, Jeremiah 36:9, Daniel 9:3, Joel 1:14, Joel 2:12, Joel 2:15, Jonah 3:5, Zechariah 7:3, Matthew 4:2, Matthew 9:14-15, Mark 2:18-20, Luke 5:33-35, Luke 18:12, Acts 13:2, Acts 14:23.***

As you set time aside, the best thing is to be open to God, to let go of distractions, and to be mindful what is going on in your heart/spirit as you focus on His Word.

Finally... Fasting is not a way to get God to do what we want. Fasting changes us, not God. Fasting is not intended to punish the flesh, but to redirect our attention to God. Fasting is to be done in a spirit of humility and a joyful attitude.

Let's begin this New Year together by setting aside the week of January 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> to pray and fast as a corporate body of believers to seeking the Lord's direction for 2018.

# Saturday – Invite

*Luke 17:14-18*

*<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.*

We love the movement, faith, healing, praising and surrender that we see in this short passage. Jesus said these words to ten men but only one of them returned praising, falling down and thanking Jesus. We want to be a church like this one man. That’s why the word “invite” matters. We want to invite you to call on God in a fresh way. We want to invite you to movement in your faith. We want to invite you to ask God for healing, for more faith, for more of what He wants. We as a church want to throw ourselves at the feet of Jesus to seek Him, thank Him, praise Him and ask for more of Him and His Kingdom. The word “invite” matters.

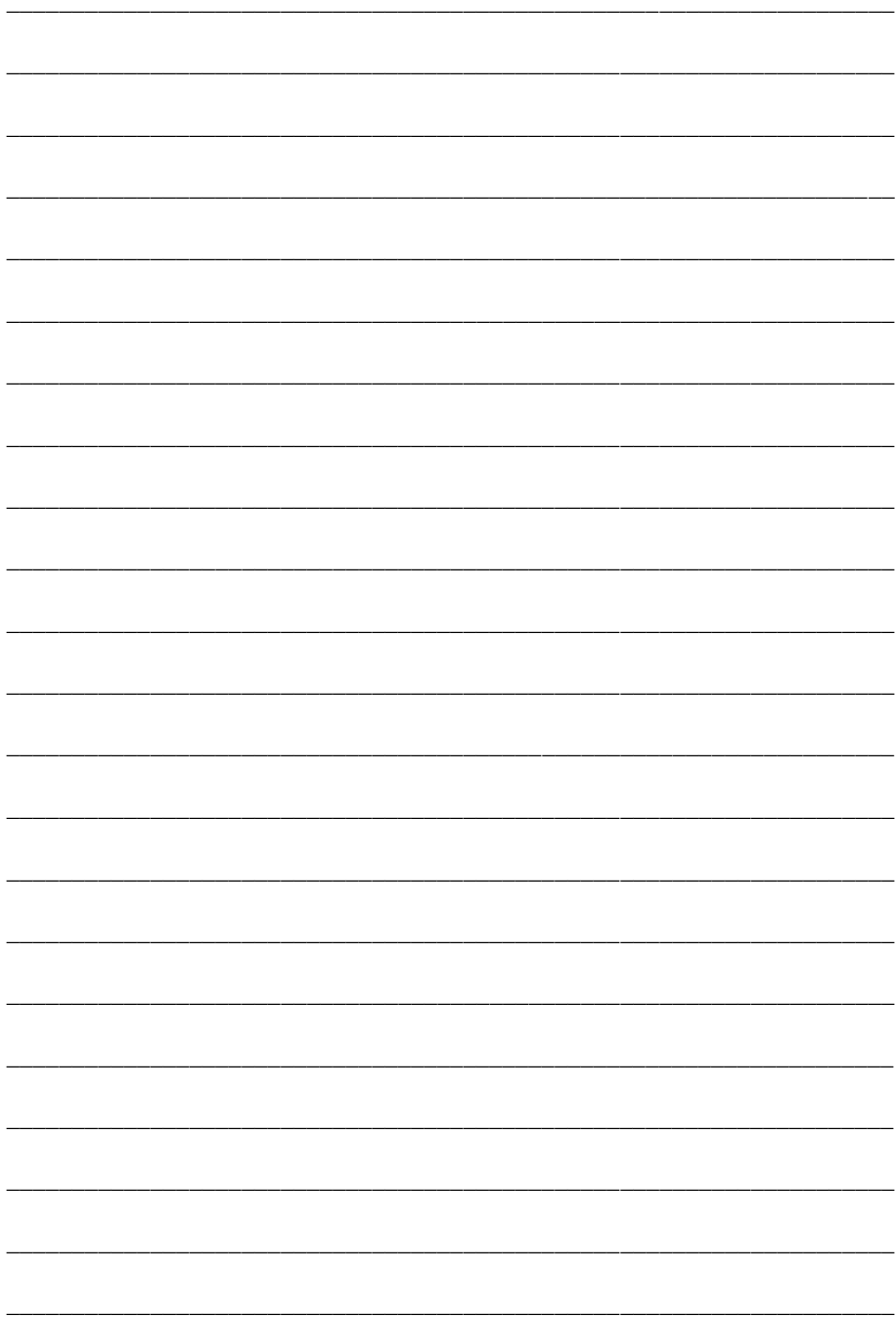
*“If you don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because you have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Your soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great.”*

*— John Piper, A Hunger for God*

Prayer and Fasting are an invitation to God. Prayer and Fasting are ways for us to intentionally open ourselves to God. Prayer and Fasting are ways that we deny ourselves and admit our hunger for God’s greatness instead of what other things we may be nibbling on. That’s why the word “invite” matters. God invites us to get to know Him more. God invites us to put things aside and seek Him. God invites us to bigger faith. God invites us to see that He is the greatest. God invites us to be healed. God invites us to discover our calling. God invites us to partner with Him with gifts. God invites us on the adventure of serving other people. These are just a few of the







# Sunday – Need

Take some time to prepare your heart - take some deep breaths, slow down. Give any distractions or anxious thoughts over to the Lord.

Invite God to make His presence known and to be the centre of this time right now. A simple prayer is all it takes. God is with you.

*“Where would we be without Your love? We’d still be lost in darkness. Where would we be without Your cross? You made a way to save us! Oh Your love! Oh Your love!” Matt Redman*

Have you thought about need? Read that quote above again...slowly... Now read it one more time just about yourself, using I and me. Where would you be without God’s love? Seriously...where would you be? When we think about need it’s important to start with our own real neediness. Paul helps us to see our need when he brings up where his friends in Corinth used to be, spiritually speaking. Take a moment to read

1 Corinthians 12:1-3 below.

<sup>1</sup>Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.

<sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

Take a few minutes right now to meditate on your life before surrendering to Jesus. Use the note section to write down what thoughts or prayers come from this reflection.

Now read 1 Corinthians 12:1-3 again slowly. Focus in on these two ideas:

1. Once you were led astray.
2. Now you can say “Jesus is Lord”.

Take a few minutes to reflect on your life now that you can say Jesus is Lord! Use the note section to write down thoughts and prayers that come from this reflection. Where have you seen His mercy, kindness, generosity, care, friendship, truth and freedom?

Take a few minutes to answer this question: What did it take from God so that I can say Jesus is Lord? You see, God has no needs. In fact, He is endlessly without need. God is the King of endless worth. Humans are endlessly needy and compared to God they are unworthy. This is amazing grace! The One who has no needs came to save, teach, rescue, shine on, love on, make whole, adopt and bless the people who are so needy and unworthy. Greatness has come and accomplished all the good that we could never do on our own for us. This is the good news of Jesus! This is how needy we are and how all our needs are met in Christ. Take some time to respond to God about the Good News of Jesus.

Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you about anything else that's on His heart today. Write down any Scriptures, words, phrases or pictures He gives to you.

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# Monday - Give

Take some time to prepare your heart - take some deep breaths and slow down. Give any distractions or anxious thoughts over to the Lord.

Invite God to make His presence known and to be the centre of this time right now. A simple prayer is all it takes. God is with you.

Yesterday we spent some time in reflection and prayer focused around need. Once we were led astray, now we can say "Jesus is Lord!" Amazing grace! Have you ever stopped to consider the giving nature and character of God in giving? Have you ever reflected and prayed about what kind of gift Jesus is? Take some time to do that right now.

You can use the pages provided or your own journal for more space. Read the passage below and take some time to reflect.

1 Corinthians 12:3

*<sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.*

What kind of God would give His One and only Son? What kind of God would give His very Spirit to small, temporary, rebellious creatures like us? Have you taken time to reflect on God's nature and character? The Lord is gracious and compassionate. Slow to anger and rich in love. He is endlessly generous. He is endlessly merciful. He is amazingly kind. Take some time right now to reflect on and tell God what a gift it is to know someone like Him. What springs to your mind when you think about His character? His integrity? His truth? His friendship to undeserving people? His thoughts about you? His care for the entire world and all of history?

Just write out the things that come to your mind or your heart. Tell Him what He's like and then respond to Him.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

*<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. <sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

We are meant to know the Giver and acknowledge His gifts to us. We are also meant to give away the goodness God gives us through our gifts. He gifts us so that we can gift other people.

Take some time right now to prayerfully reflect on the ways that God has worked through other people in your life to be a gift to you. Talk to God about it, write some names down, write down a key story. Maybe you have a special person who helped lead you to Jesus. Maybe you can think of a friend or family member who listened when you were in a time of pain. God gives to us through other people. Take some time to reflect on that now.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 again slowly. God is at work. God is giving for the common good. Take some time to consider the gifts that He has given to you. What are they? When do you feel closest to God? When do you feel God's pleasure? Write these moments and reflections down.

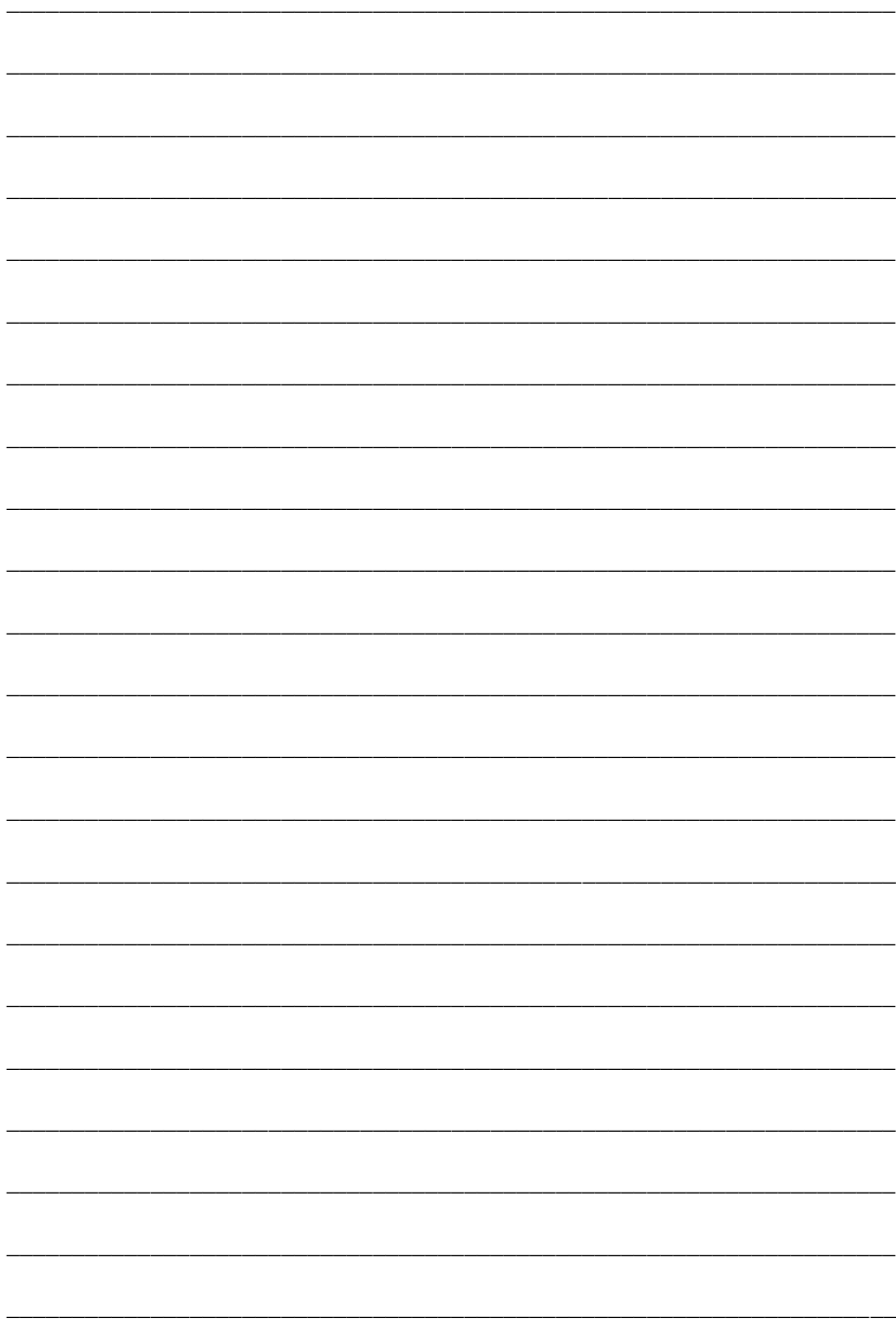
How can you be the gift that God gives to someone else today? This week? This month? This year? Where can you be that gift? Who can you be that gift to? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you your next step.

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# Tuesday - Receive

Take some time to quiet yourself before God. Give the Holy Spirit any distractions or anxieties that you are feeling. Ask for His protection and peace over this time.

Welcome and acknowledge that God is with you. He is here. This is His time and you are setting it apart to spend with Him. God is near. God is here.

Will you receive? Sometimes it can be hard to really receive something. It can be especially hard to receive things that are real and important and of real value. It can be easy to receive that thing we want for our birthday or Christmas or whatever ... but great things, rich things, amazing things can be much harder to receive. Do you have a hard time receiving? Why or why not? Take some time to talk to God about that. Write your prayers down or just simply talk to God about this.

There's some amazing truth that we need to receive in our minds and receive for our lives. It's truth to believe and real life to receive. Listen to this: We can call God our Father through Jesus Christ His Son. Jesus is our Lord and Savior through Father God's loving kindness, tender mercy and eternal promises. God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ have now given us the Holy Spirit to fill us, teach us, nurture us, comfort us and dwell within us now and forever. Read the Scripture passages below and reflect on these realities for you. Reflect on these realities for us as a church family. What is stirring in your heart?

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*same God at work. <sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

*1 Corinthians 12:27-31*

*<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.*

Will you receive? What is stirring in your heart? Gifts from God are important but they must be tied to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is important and His role is to lift-up and make much of Jesus Christ. We want you to be filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit of the living God so that your whole life will lift-up and make much of Jesus Christ! Have you ever prayed and asked to be filled with the Holy Spirit? When we are saved we receive the Holy Spirit. Paul tells us to be filled and keep on being filled with the Holy Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit are meant to be supernaturally empowered by the Holy Spirit so that Jesus Christ is made much of and the people of the church are built up. Will you ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit again today? Will you ask Him to receive what He has for you so that the church is built up and you go deeper with Him? Take some time to write or talk to God about that now.

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# Wednesday – Become

How do you need to slow down and prepare your heart to meet with God? Offer Him any hard things or struggles that you are facing. Receive His tender love and kindness to you. Take a moment to acknowledge the truth that God is with you right now.

Once we were led astray, now we can say “Jesus is Lord!” This can only happen by God’s miracle work in our lives. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit want us to become new. What does that look like? It looks like a new heart, new desires, new eyes, new way to see, new power, new freedom, new passions, new destination, new purpose ... just to name a few. Read the passages below and write down how they might call you to become new in some way. You can use the pages in the journal to write on.

*1 Corinthians 13:1-3*

*<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

How important is it that we let love lead us? How often have you become preoccupied with the gifts and not graciousness? When does the temptation hit you to get things done without love? When you read this passage, how important is it to God that we become new? Take some time now to talk to God about this and to write out some of your reflections on what Paul says about love.

Read the following passage and reflect on the qualities that Paul is writing about.

*1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

*<sup>4</sup>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

The people in the Corinthian church were struggling with being patient and kind. They were also struggling with envy, boasting, pride, dishonoring others, seeking themselves, being easily angered and keeping record of wrongs about other people. They were struggling in lots of ways. Paul exposes these struggles and then calls them to become new in and through the love of God. Which of these struggles do you most identify with?

Take some time right now to talk to God about that. Write down your reflections and ask the Holy Spirit if there's any sin that you need to confess. He wants to get to deep and real places in the real life that we live to bring transforming light and love ... seriously.

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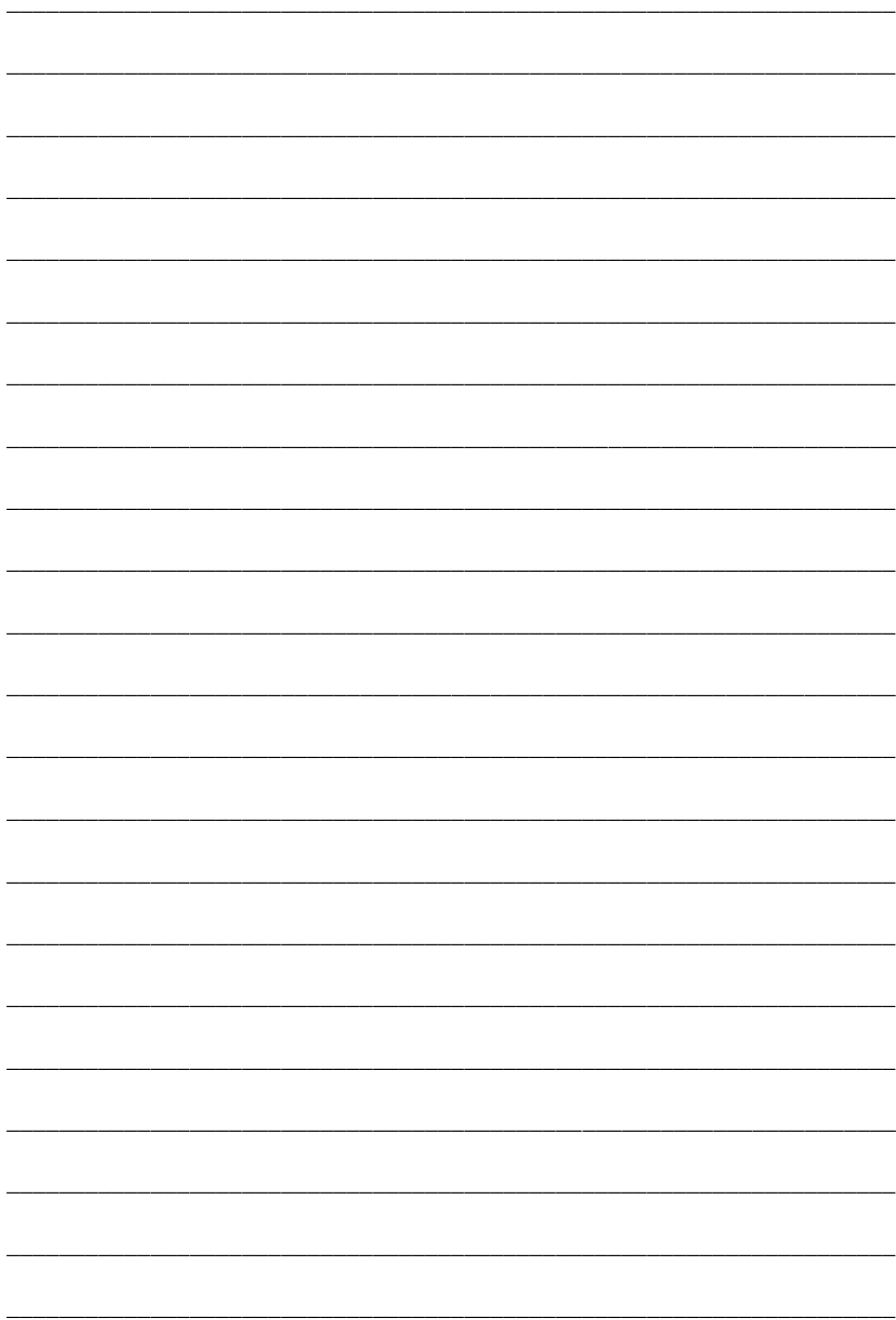
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# Thursday – Pursue

Take some time to prepare your heart. Tell God you need Him. Ask the Holy Spirit to have His way now. Slow down. Acknowledge Jesus presence with you. Ask Jesus to show you how He feels about this time together. God is with you.

*1 Corinthians 14:1-5*

*<sup>1</sup>Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. <sup>2</sup>For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit. <sup>3</sup>But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. <sup>4</sup>Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church. <sup>5</sup>I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified.*

God wants us to pursue love-to follow the way of love. What does that look like? There are lots of things that we could probably say we love. God wants us to pursue love His way. What does that mean? True Love has a quality about it and actions that demonstrate it. Take some time now to reflect on a time when you have seen true love in action. Why was this so meaningful to you? Write that down and talk to God about it. Take some time to slowly and reflectively read the Scripture passage below.

*1 Corinthians 13:4-13*

*<sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup>Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass*

away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

This passage tells us about qualities of love. At the same time these are actions. God has both the highest quality and the best action about His love. Jesus stepped out of Heaven. Jesus said to Father God "not my will but Yours be done". These are "pursue" words, qualities and actions. Jesus fully submitted His pursuits to His Father's pursuit. Do you see how Jesus pursues His Father's pursuit? What about you? Take some time right now to prayerfully reflect on your pursuits. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you your pursuits. How do your pursuits line up with the qualities we see in *1 Corinthians 13*? Talk to God about that. Write some reflections down. Are you willing to submit all your pursuits to God? Why or why not? What's keeping you from telling God "not my will but Yours be done"? Talk to the Holy Spirit about that. God knows these things are hard for us. He understands and just wants us to be honest about it. Let the Father speak His blessings and affirmation to you right now. What do you hear Him saying? These qualities of love are how God feels about you right now. Do you believe that? Will you receive that? Take some time to meditate on that now.

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# Friday – Ignite

Take some time to prepare your heart. Take some deep breaths. Tell God you need Him. Give God any anxious thoughts or distractions. Invite the Holy Spirit to pursue you with His love now. Be still.

Acknowledge Jesus presence with you. Ask Jesus to show you His true love. God is with you.

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God has eager desires too. God desires that His desires become our desires. Reflect on that for a moment. The Holy God of the universe wants His desires to be your desires. God wants us to eagerly desire what He eagerly desires. God wants us to pursue love, follow the way of love, to surrender our pursuits to His great pursuit. The God of perfect love invites us to lay down our will for His will and His kingdom plans. God wants us! He wants you in on His kingdom plans each day. Take some time to pray about that and to thank God for including you - the very real you, in on His kingdom pursuit and plans. You can use the pages provided below to write out reflections and thanksgiving to God.

The truth is that God wants our energies, gifts, efforts and focus to build up other people and to extend His kingdom. That sounds nice

and all but how can this happen? How does this really happen in real people? Paul helps us out in another letter he has written. Take some time to slowly read Rom 12:1-2.

*Romans 12:1-2*

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

God transforms real people when we offer and keep on offering our whole selves to Him. It’s a living sacrifice every day. What happened to a sacrifice in the Old Testament? A sacrifice was usually consumed by fire. This is a picture of how we want to live as individuals and as a church family. We offer ourselves as a living sacrifice to God and we ask that He ignite our lives together with His Holy fire. Will you take time to offer yourself and our church to Him? Take some time to do that now.

We want to close this prayer journal with an ignite prayer. Take time to write out a personal ignite prayer to God. Remember, His perfect love casts out all fear. He is a good God and He can be trusted and His love never, ever fails.

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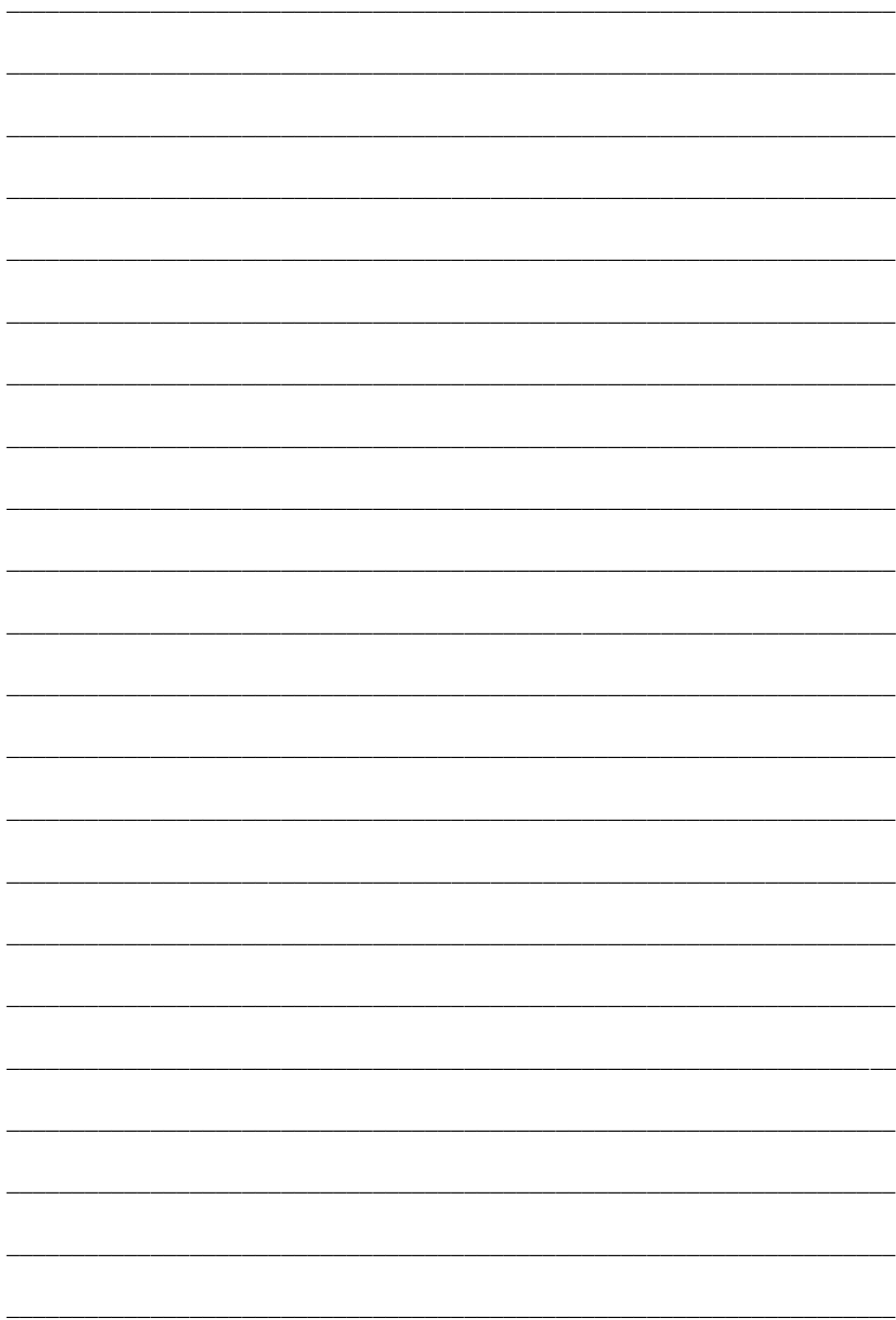
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# Appendix 1 – Personal Healing

If you would like prayer for healing at our Healing Service on Sunday, please prepare yourself by working through the following questions.

For what specifically are you seeking healing? Is the root of the issue spiritual, physical, emotional or psychological in nature?

How has this situation affected your relationship with God? How have you seen Him at work in this?

Are there lifestyle or relational changes that God wants you to make that could enhance or improve your health? Unconfessed sin, living in continual disobedience and unforgiveness could hinder your healing. Please meditate on the following scriptures for guidance and clarity.

Romans 12:1-2

2 Chronicles 7:14

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

Matthew 5:21-24

James 5:14-16

Colossians 3:1-11

1 Peter 3:7

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 15:12-17

Ask God to reveal any areas of sin or unforgiveness that you need to address. Are you willing to deal with these things? Take time to confess, repent and forgive accordingly.

Consider your willingness to surrender to God's plan for your life in this situation. How will you honor, praise and pursue Him if you are healed? How will you honor, praise and pursue Him if you are not?

# Appendix 2 – Praying for BFMC

- Vision and Faithfulness to God’s call for our church
- Official Board, Staff, & Ministry Leaders
- Prayer
- Volunteer Teams & Individuals
- Congregational Care Ministries
- Opportunities to Reach into our Community – Local Missions
- Small Groups & Connecting with Others in Our Church Family
- Church Finances and Capital Expenditures
- Sunday Morning Services
- Families
- Marriages
- Children’s Ministries
- Youth – Grades 6-12
- Young Adults (College & Career)
- Young At Heart - Seniors 55+
- Women’s
- Men’s
- Alpha
- Grief Share
- MOPS

# Appendix 3 – Prayer for Revival

*“Revival is a renewed conviction of sin and repentance followed by an intense desire to live in obedience to God. It is giving up one’s will to God in deep humility.”*

—Charles Finney

We are looking to God and seeking revival in our lives and church. Let us earnestly pray:

That we would be deeply convicted of the sin in our lives; repent of that sin; and receive God’s forgiveness and deliverance.

That we would make right, or bring restoration to, any relationships in our lives that need it.

That we would be open to whatever God has for us. That we would invite God to interrupt and change our plans to bring us into line with His will.

That we would experience a tremendous outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

That we would be ignited with a fresh passion to share the gospel.

That God’s Spirit would sweep with conviction through Barrie, Simcoe County, Ontario and Canada.

# Appendix 4 – Spiritual Warfare Prayer

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

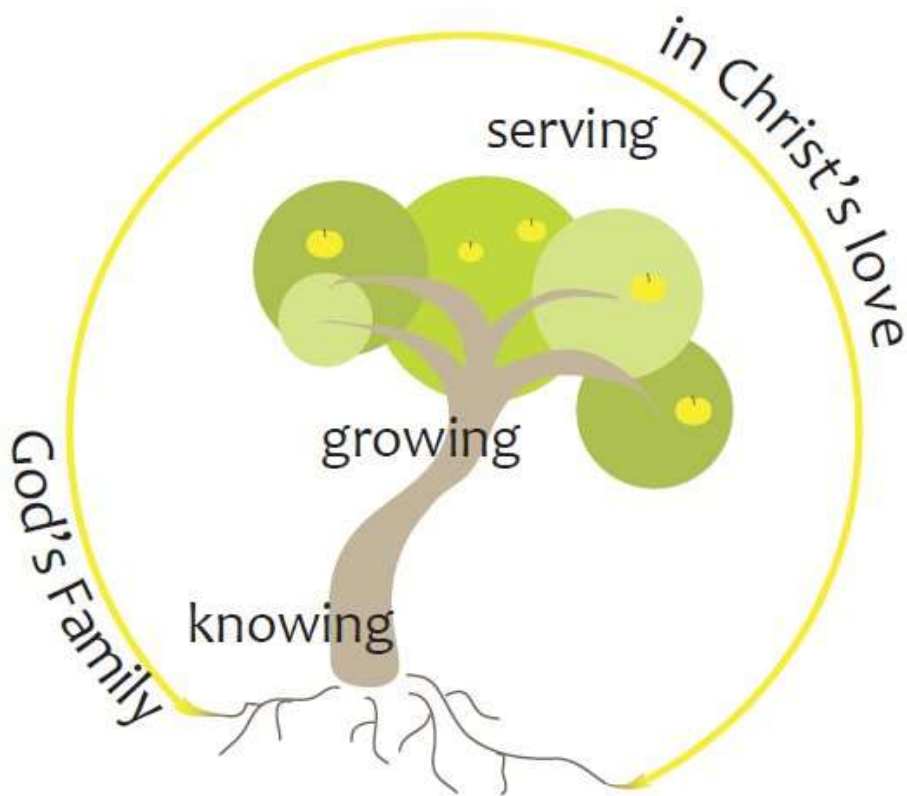
—Ephesians 6:12

Scripture tells us that Satan's purposes are to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). The moment we handed our life over to the Lord Jesus Christ we joined the army of God. We are engaged in a battle: the greatest battle ever fought. Fortunately, we know who has the victory, Jesus Christ, and his followers are victors in Him. Daily the enemy prowls around looking for those he can snatch, blind and deceive. Until the Lord returns the battle will go on and it is our responsibility to take up our weapon of warfare, PRAYER. It is on our knees that we fight the greatest battle.

As you engage in spiritual warfare pray...

To put on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18):

- The belt of truth
  - The breastplate of righteousness
  - Your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace
  - The shield of faith
  - The helmet of salvation
  - The sword of the Spirit, the Word of God
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- That the strongholds of the enemy in your own life would be destroyed by the power of Jesus Christ.
  - For protection from all the schemes that the enemy may have to destroy you and your ministry.
  - To take your stand against the enemy and stand firm declaring the victory you have in Jesus Christ.
  - Against any plans for destruction that Satan may have for the ministry of Barrie Free Methodist Church.



This is to my Father's glory,  
that you bear fruit,  
showing yourselves to be my disciples

John 15:8

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