



TRANSCEND

Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on. **Rev 11:12**

There is a **Grander Vision** somewhere on planet earth with your name on it. And when you find it, and when you pursue it, there will come a day when you will get up in the morning and say, "I was born to do this."—Bill Hybels

Mar 7 The Past

Phil 3:13, Amos 9:13, Isaiah 43:18

Let not the past limit our future. The LORD is able to do a new thing in our lives. The former things should not be remembered. Apostle Paul said "My friends, I don't feel I have already arrived. But I forget what is behind, and I struggle for what is ahead" Phil 3:13.

Mar 8 Our Personal Limitations

Isaiah 41:13

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" Phil 3:13

Mar 9 Societal Limitations

John 4:9,10, Gal 3:28

The angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon while he was threshing wheat and addressed him as "valiant warrior". Gideon wondered "Why me?" He said his father's house was the least in the whole tribe of Manasseh and he was the youngest in the house. The LORD does not look so much at our societal limitations as much as our availability to fulfil his plans in our life.

Mar 10 Denominational Divides

Eph 2:14

God is not going to judge us based on our doctrinal beliefs but on our lives. Mat 7:21-13. Unity of faith and the strength of the Christian church can come through recognising that There are more things we hold in common than what differentiates. Unity is what Christ prayed for his people. Then we can be a true witness to the nations.

Mar 11 Boundaries between cultures and nations Gen 22:18, Acts 17:26

The fatherhood of God and brotherhood of mankind is one of the great themes of the Bible. God wanted to bless all nations through the seed of Abraham and that through the finished work of the Jesus Christ on the cross he has united all people.

"The house of LORD shall be established (Church) as the highest of mountains, and shall be lifted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it." – Isaiah2:2

DANIEL FAST

Monday February 19th to Sunday March 11th 2018

21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

WHAT IS A DANIEL FAST? (*Dan 10:1-3*)

A Daniel fast is a specific fast during which you would refrain from many of the *rich foods* you might enjoy throughout the year and *simplify your diet*. It is important to remember that the intent of any fast is to deny yourself something that you would normally do in order to focus more specifically on the Lord and prayer. In considering a dietary fast such as a "Daniel" fast, it is best for each believer to prayerfully determine what things they will eat or not eat. Although not much detail is not given, Daniel 10:3 says, "I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips ... until 3 weeks were over."

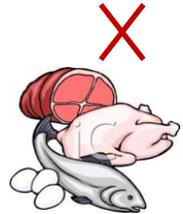
Suggested Daniel Fast Foods:



- Whole Grain: Brown Rice, Oats, Barley
- Legumes: Dried Beans, Pinto Beans, Split Peas, Lentils, BlackEyed Peas
- All Fresh Fruit
- All Fresh Vegetables
- Seeds, Nuts, Sprouts
- Liquids: Water, 100% All-Natural Fruit Juices

Suggested Foods to Avoid:

- Meat, Fried Foods, Caffeine, Carbonated Beverages,
- Foods Containing Preservatives or Additives, Refined Sugar, Sugar Substitutes, White Flour and all products using it, Margarine, and High Fat Products.



YEAR OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

John the Baptist was sent by God to usher in "the Kingdom of God". This reign of God began in the hearts of people who on hearing John's call to repentance, did so whole heartedly. They were earnest to bring about a change in their attitude and life thus bringing "forth the fruit of repentance". Violence had to be done against apathy and indifference. John's baptism was not just a religious ritual but a commitment to a new way of life. The baptism of fire was to follow the one with water. Jesus Christ the new baptiser would transform the repentant disciples into agents of change in the world. They would go about doing good as He did. The baptism of fire is the "divinisation" of human activities. Redemption is the transformation of an individual's life. This work of God is done with human agency particularly through leadership. "Follow my example", said the apostle Paul, "as I follow the example of Christ". May we as leaders in our own sphere of influence be convincing not only in word but in deed. Let us pray that the change in the world for the better begins with us.



CHANGE

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are **changed** into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord. **2 Cor 3:18**

“Only when we are changed can we be agents of change”

Feb 19 In our attitude and thinking

Romans 12:2

It is our thinking that makes us. “As a man thinketh, so is he” **Prov 23:7**. Negative thinking is the greatest deterrent to our progress in life. Apostle Paul exhorts us to meditate on noble, right, pure, lovely and admirable things. **Phil 4:8** Our attitudes determine our behaviour.

Feb 20 In our aspirations and goals

Colossian 3:1–2

We are to seek the things that are above and not on the things of the earth. Does this mean that we are to have no earthly ambition or plans? Someone said it is possible to be “so heavenly minded that we are no earthly good.” Apostle Paul here is referring to the kingdom of God. We should be desirous of doing God’s will on earth, like Jesus Christ who went about doing good. The heavenly mindset is developed through personal discipline of prayer and meditation on God’s word.

Feb 21 In our Families

Genesis 35:2

It was the through family of Abraham that God was going to accomplish his mighty purposes for the world. His grandson Jacob earned the title “Israel” and Jacob himself became the father of the families who had a profound influence on the history of the world though they were small in number. Joshua who was came much later said “As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD”.

Feb 22 In the Church

Mat 5:13–14

We are called to be the light and salt of the earth. The change we want to see in the world needs to begin with us. May we exemplify a life of brotherly love and concern for one another and thereby show to the world that Jesus is its Saviour.

Feb 23 In Society

Phil 2:15, Jonah 3:4–10

There are many ills that plague our society at large. Perceptions based on superstitions and wrong belief systems accord sections of society inferior positions. The hierarchies of caste and class perpetuate prejudices which prevent people from achieving their potential. Pray that there will be a change to a more egalitarian outlook.

Feb 24 In the Workplace

Titus 2:7–11

We are to be approvers of that which is excellent. Phil 1:10. To do that we need to excel in all that we do. So a job does not become only a means of earning a living, but a means to restore a broken world.

Feb 25 In the Government

Psalms 125:3, 1 Tim 2:1–3, Genesis 41:37–57

We are to pray that those in authority so that we can lead a peaceful life in a godly and reverent way.



ENGAGE

“Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...for in its welfare you will have welfare.” Jer 29:7
“If our love of God does not directly influence, and even change, how we **engage** in the issues of our time on this earth, I wonder what good religion is” - Richard Rohr

Feb 26 With moral issues

Mat 14:3–5

In an age where there is an increasing acceptance of behaviours which were once considered immoral. Pray that the Church would engage and stand-up against the prevailing tide.

Feb 27 With ethical issues

Proverbs 16:11, Mat 23:23, Job 31:6

The Church being the light and salt of the earth should set standards for ethical behaviour. Christian professionals should demonstrate the out-working of the gospel of Jesus Christ through their conduct.

Feb 28 With social issues

John 8:1–11, Ezekiel 34:16

People who are victims of socio-economic situations should not be judged but helped. (eg. Those engaged in sex trade, drugs etc.) The Church should work towards their rehabilitation bringing in those who have gone astray. Jesus said “I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world”

Mar 1 With political issues

Esther 4:12–17

At a time when her people was at the point of extermination – through the political mechanisations of their enemies, Esther did not stand as a mute witness to the happenings, but used her position in office to secure the safety of her people, even at the risk of her own life.

Mar 2 With Science

Proverbs 25:2

Science is the systematic intellectual and practical study of the world through observation and experiment. When David contemplated creation he knew that it was ordained for a purpose. We are called to declare that purpose for life for which God created us.



REVITALIZE

This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. **Ezekiel 37:5**

There is a vitality, a life force, an energy, a quickening, that is translated through you into action, and because there is only one of you in all time, this expression is unique. - Martha Graham

Mar 3 Our Spiritual Life

Isaiah 57:15, Psalm 43:3–4

The LORD wants us in a closer walk with Him, so that He can fulfil his purposes in our lives.

Mar 4 Our Health

Isaiah 40:31, Exodus 15:26, Psalm 41:3

The Lord promises restoration of our health. Jer 17:14. The Sun of Righteousness shall arise over you with healing in His wings. **Mal 4:2**.

Mar 5 Our Relationships

John 15:13, Heb 10:24–25, Eph 4:2–3

Bring God into your relationships. It was He who established the first one.

Mar 6 Our Work

Col 3:23, Proverbs 16:3, Eph 6:6

God created man and assigned him a task. It was to be joyful and interesting. He wants us to have the same joy today. “Whatever you do, do it all for the **glory of God**.” 1 Corinthians 10:31