

FAITH UNITED MINISTRIES'
ANNUAL CONSECRATION AND FAST

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***“THE YEAR FOR SUPERNATURAL
BALANCE!”***



Virtual:

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Meeting ID: 988 159 2857

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Date:

Wednesday January 4th [Midnight] THROUGH Monday January 16th [Midnight]

Time:

Monday - Saturday @7 p.m.; Sunday @4 p.m. *Wednesday: Midweek Teaching (as usual)



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WELCOME ADDRESS

FAITH UNITED MINISTRIES' CORPORATE CONSECRATION and FAST
"THE YEAR FOR SUPERNATURAL BALANCE"

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Copastor and I wish to welcome each of you to our Corporate Consecration and Fast! We are always expectant each time the Almighty God *calls us apart* to spend time with Him, as well as, to reconnect as a Ministry. We are well aware that there are *some* demonic strongholds and victories, that can NOT be broken, except through prayer and fasting (Matthew 17:21). We are so very grateful that the Almighty God has blessed us to see another year. I am sure that many of you are setting goals, realigning priorities, even reevaluating some relationships. Yet, while on the Holy Altar in Nigeria, I was made keenly aware of the need for each of us to do our level best, to RESET our lives in the ways/plans of God, in three major areas [our trinity] so as to be able to properly *balance* what we hope to receive, and not *waste* this fresh opportunity. It *is* possible to *look* successful, to be living one's best life, to be *ballin' out*, as it were and to STILL be terribly unbalanced/lacking and unable to measure up, in the things of God! And sadly, many have not learned from their family member's mistakes; their ancestors' admonitions; the sicknesses that they have gone through, nor the nudging of Holy Spirit! Such was the case of Belshazzar, in Daniel 5:1-31, when at the height of his success, while in the midst of a gala affair, sitting on top of the world, in *excellent* health...a *hand* showed up at the party and wrote a *message* on the wall, telling him in one portion of it...

"TEKEL: You have been **weighed in the balances and found wanting.**"

(In other words...) You have come up short. Question: "If God were to put each of us on His scales of righteousness, and measured our commitment to Him compared to our recreation; our

giving to Him, compared to what we spend on ourselves/others; our time in prayer, compared to how much we sleep/work; our time in HIs word, compared to our social media airtime, (and the countless other things we put before Him)...HOW DO YOU/I MEASURE UP?" What sins, habits, addictions, attitudes have we *picked back up* that are weighing us down [Hebrews 12:1]?

This year's consecration will be strategic in it's approach. It will, in fact, *hit* each person differently, personally. Each DAY of this fast will serve as the theme for each MONTH of the year. The MESSAGES for that month, will align with that theme. My prayer is that you will **TAKE HEED** to all that it entails. You will be **BALANCED**, able to carry the weight of glory and the prayed for blessings, when it is completed, IJMN!

*"Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you **will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ**;" _ Philippians*

1:6

Because of Him, we are
Pastor and CoPastor

“2023: THE YEAR FOR SUPERNATURAL BALANCE!”

(Please read prior to fasting)

The fast will begin on **Wednesday January 4th (Midnight)** through **Monday January 16th (Midnight)**. The fast will consist of the following:

- Water
- Salads
- Vegetables (fresh or canned)

NOTE:

You CAN use condiments in moderation such as:

- Salad Dressing
- Butter
- Salt/Pepper
- Etc.

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT—SALADS should NOT include ANY meat and/or PASTA PRODUCTS!

THERE SHOULD BE NO:

Snacks of any kind (“junk food”), including *candies, mints, gum*, etc.

Breads

Meats/dairy products/pastas/cheeses

Sodas, coffee, tea, energy drinks, etc.

Newspapers/ secular reading material

TV/secular movies and/or music

No Fried Foods

Abstain from *all* sexual activities

Avoid sensuous phone calls/conversations/internet searches/reading material, etc.

Discontinue addictive attitudes, habits, etc.

A very strong caution is issued to those who excessively use Facebook, Instagram and all other social media venues.

NOTE: Those who are under doctor’s care or have health problems, please consult your physician prior to participating in the fast.

NOTE: Parents may modify the fast for all children who wish to share.

NOTE: If you are already a practicing vegetarian, discontinue those things that you are aware of that keep the Holy Spirit from having free reign in your life.

MY SEED: "GIVE GOD AN HOUR EACH DAY!"

"What! Could you not watch with Me one hour?" _ Matthew 26:40

Each person is asked to set aside, each day, out of the twenty-four hours that we are allotted [a tithe would be 2.4 hours], ONE HOUR to pray and feed on the instructions for that day, and how we can be a better asset to the Kingdom and THIS Ministry. Then, set aside WHATEVER YOU EARN PER HOUR [from any job you work] as your seed each day. Each person's SEED will differ, but each SACRIFICE will be the same. Be mindful, you are establishing what you are able to be trusted with.

*"For I do not mean that **others should be eased** and you burdened; **but by an equality...**"
_ 2 Corinthians 8:13-15*

- Children under 18/Seniors on fixed income: \$12.50 per day = \$150 total
- Children under 12 [Modified Fast] \$8 per day = \$100

SELECT A CONVENIENT TIME FOR YOU EACH DAY TO:

Resubmit yourself to the *Lordship* of Christ, to avoid repeating "old" habits. (Luke 6:46)
Commit yourself to being an on-time, active member in the ministry. (Hebrews 10:25)
Pray for the leadership and vision of Faith United Ministries (Hebrews 13:17)
Purpose to become a "soul winner" for the advancement of the Kingdom (Proverbs 11:30)
*(1 soul per month)
Determine to be a faithful tither and seed sower in the ministry. (Proverbs 3:9)
Commit yourself to being a "good steward" over the finances that God allows to come your way. (Matthew 18:23-35)

NOTE: We will have virtual Communion online this week, then again as a Ministry on zoom with anointing, the following week.

RECOMMENDED READING (In addition to your personal devotionals)

<i>Our Daily Bread</i> (Devotional)	"Free" from the church
Proverbs (1 Chapter per day during January)	"In Your Bible"
<i>Open Heavens</i> (Devotional), E. A. Adeboye	(Available from Pastor)
No Longer Crippled	(Available from Pastor)
Daily Confessions for Impacting Your World	(Available from Pastor)
Learning To Soar	(Available from Pastor)
Hearing & Knowing the Voice of God	(Available from Pastor)

Encouragement in Small Doses
Self Check
God Never Says Oops

(Available from Pastor)
(Purchase from JaNeise)
(Purchase from Elder Sturdivant)

- **First Come/First Serve! Available ~ Open Heavens Books: Adult (\$20) and Teens (\$15)**

COMMUNION/ANOINTING/BRACELET Packets
Available for pickup after service: January 15th, 2023

Out of state: Please resubmit address to: pastorjesministries@gmail.com BEFORE JANUARY 8TH 2023!

RECOMMENDED ATTENDANCE

Co-Pastor and I *strongly* encourage you to, not only attend each meeting yourself, but also, for spouses to bring their spouse; parents bring your children and singles; bring your friend(s). Going through this together, (1) *promotes unity* (2) *stimulates conversation* and (3) *creates an atmosphere of understanding* “why we do this.”

When everyone in the house is ‘not on the same page’, it makes it more difficult for the one(s) who are participating.

FAITH UNITED MINISTRIES’

CORPORATE FAST AND CONSECRATION

“2023: " THE YEAR FOR SUPERNATURAL BALANCE "

The *Daily Thought, Scripture Readings, Memory Verse, and Prayer Points* are designed guides to (1) *keep* you focused, (2) *replace* what you are abstaining from with the Word of God, (3) have you *operating* in a spirit of *corporate unity*, and finally (4) *prepare* you and I for living in dominion, in every phrase of our lives. **This is a full package. Please don’t eliminate any phase of it. Remember, partial obedience is full disobedience. God bless you as you journey with us... Shalom! (I Samuel 15:22, 23)**

FIRST QUARTER LAYING THE FOUNDATION

DAY 1: "INTROSPECTION"

DEFINITION: "An examination of one's *own thoughts and feelings*"

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 11:28 "*But let a man examine **himself**...*"

THOUGHT: Many have mastered the art of **deflection**, blame and making themselves victims. To become **whole** is a *process*, and it starts with one taking *ownership* of the part that they played, and the choices and repercussions that followed!

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: "Father! Give me the grace to deal honestly with my *self*, as I release others from the guilt that I have inflicted upon them", IJMN. Amen.

DAY 2: "PERSPECTIVE"

DEFINITION: "The capacity to *view things in their true relations*, or relative importance."

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:67 "*Before I was afflicted, I went astray, but I keep and honor Your word [with loving obedience].*"

THOUGHT: Some of our greatest gains in life, if we were honest, came **after we had been hurt**, and THEN purposed never let it happen again!

*REMEMBER: "If **experience** is the best teacher, then **pain** is the professor." _
J.E Sturdivant, Sr. "Encouragement in Small Doses"

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: "Father! Help me to learn THIS painful lesson, the FIRST time, IJMN. Amen.

DAY 3: " OUTLOOK"

DEFINITION: "A way of looking at or thinking about something"

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 116:10,11 "*I believed; **therefore, I spoke**, 'I am greatly afflicted. **I said in my haste**, All men are liars'*"

THOUGHT: Sometimes, you have to simply **pause**. Walk away. Say nothing. Heal. Why? You can't take back words after you have said them. You can't erase the emotional thought that you have painted on the tapestry of that individual's psyche. 'Sorry' does NOT undo the damage, especially if you are a repeat offender...in the SAME area.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: "FATHER!" Help me to be swift to hear, but slow to speak, IJMN. Amen (James 1: 19)

SECOND QUARTER STRENGTHENING MY SPIRIT

DAY 4: " HIM LIVING IN ME"

THOUGHT: Our inability to live a HOLY LIFE, as the LORD requires, is not that we are unable to do so, it is more that we are **unwilling to partner with Holy Spirit**, to live out HIS purpose *through* us.

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 3:16,17 "*That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might **through His spirit in the inner man**,...*"

PRAYER OF THE DAY: "Father! Today, I surrender and recommit myself to you afresh. Live out Your purpose through me, IJMN. Amen.

DAY 5: " NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE!"

THOUGHT: Our lives are the byproduct of our choices. Our choices are made by how we think, or what we believe. Our beliefs are articulated from the citadel of our heart, by our words. Our word is shaped by the maturity of our faith. The more one grows *spiritually*, the more they will speak positively and SEE SUCCESS manifest by their mouth! #WinningWithMyWords

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 4:13 *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: "Father! Help me to die daily to my flesh, so that I can live victoriously by Your Spirit," IJMN. Amen.

DAY 6: " I AM BUILT TO SUCCEED!"

THOUGHT: Since our spirit man is the essence of who we are, as it becomes stronger, we become 'more than conquerors' in every endeavor. Make communing with Holy Spirit a DAILY PRACTICE and priority.

SCRIPTURE READING: Jude 20 *"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,"*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: "Father! Overwhelm me by reason of Your Holy Spirit," IJMN. Amen.

THIRD QUARTER SETTling MY SOUL

DAY 7: " HAVE A TALK WITH YOUR SOUL [SELF]"

THOUGHT: Real talk...Much of what we direct TO/AT others, *outside* of ourselves; relationships, strangers, etc. are the results of NOT having dealt with or had a conversation WITHIN ourselves. During this fast, have a talk with YOU, and then if you need to, make an appointment with a therapist, as well.

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 42:5, 11, 43:5 "*Why are you cast down **O my soul?** And why are you disquieted within me?*"

PRAYER OF THE DAY: "Father! Give me the courage to have the uncomfortable but necessary conversation **with my own inner trauma**, so that I can stop hurting, blaming, and destroying everything that I touch," IJMN. Amen.

DAY 8: " TALKING YOUR SOUL TO HELL?!"

THOUGHT: You may not realize it but, some are going to hell, not because of ANY thing that the devil did, but due to their false sense of security, when speaking and making plans. Seriously. Are you subtly, arrogantly making plans for your life, EXCLUDING God from the equation? Don't be a NEW fool this NEW year.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 12:19 "*And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'"* But God said to him, '*Fool!*' This night your soul will be required of you;"

PRAYER OF THE DAY: "Father! Help me to heal INWARDLY, so that I can stop looking for outer things to satisfy me," IJMN. Amen.

DAY 9: " CONQUERING SOUL FATIGUE"

THOUGHT: Hey...Are you sleeping, but wake up tired? No peace in ANY thing that you do? Do you stay discouraged, moody, jumpy? Constantly on edge.

You're **soul tired**. Running on empty. Why? You've lost your focus! Raising your gaze, will bring peace to your soul...I Promise you!

SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 12:2,3 *"looking unto Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith...for consider Him...lest you become weary and discouraged in your soul!"*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: "Father! My soul is tired. During this consecration, please replenish me and restore my soul," IJMN. Amen. [Psalm 23:3]

FOURTH QUARTER STEADYING MY BODY

DAY 10: " DISCIPLINE IS KEY"

THOUGHT: We Pamper, pacify, and parade our flesh around for 'likes' on social media, all in an effort to *feel good*. However, to be a winner in THIS life, we are admonished to *pummel* our bodies, so as to NOT lose it all, due to a lack of discipline!

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 9:27 *"Like an athlete I punish my body, treating it roughly, training it to do what it should, not what it wants to."*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: "Father! In your infinite mercy, please let me never succumb to the appetites that can permanently destroy my destiny," IJMN. Amen.

DAY 11: " MY BODY...MY ENEMY"

THOUGHT: The hard truth is, due to our fallen Adamic nature, there is a constant battle IN your body, with the will of God, housed in your spirit. Yet, the more we yield to God, and STARVE the flesh, the more CONTROL we give to the Spirit.

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 7:23 *"But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin and death which is in my members."*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: "Father! As my life is getting balanced this year, please bring an end to the war in my flesh that has plagued me, and my bloodline," IJMN. Amen.

DAY 12: " MY BODY...HIS TEMPLE!"

THOUGHT: As Christians, we recognize that we are not our own. We cannot DO ME, as many declare today. We have been purchased by the precious blood of Jesus. Therefore, since He gave His life FOR US, we should boldly, loudly live our lives for Him!

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 6:19,20 *"...your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you...and you are not your own. For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's".*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: "Father! I surrender...I am Yours," IJMN. Amen.