



**January 2015 Consecration**  
( January 4th-24th)

**Isaiah 58:1-8 ESV** "Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. (2) Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God. (3) 'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. (4) Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. (5) Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?

**(6) "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? (7) Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?"**

(8) **Then** shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; **your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.**

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Saints, I truly believe that the Fast of 2015 may be our most important ever. Please read the above Scripture and really think about it, because the changes for this year's Consecration reflect a similar heart...

1. **Corporate Prayer.** During Consecration this year, we are asking you all to come to only **TWO prayer sessions during the week, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-7:30pm.** We are also asking you to come to **Sunday worship EARLY...at 9:30am...to pray for ½ hour before the start of service.**
2. **Personal Consecration and Family Worship.**
  - a. Read the whole Bible this year. Hey, get crazy and consider using an actual, hardcopy Bible! ☺ Use any reading plan you desire. This takes some discipline, but it is worth it.
  - b. Your food/entertainment fast is up to you as always. There are many ways to do it: the Daniel Fast, the Anointed Atkins, etc. But do something! ☺
  - c. Consistent family worship...PLEASE!
3. **Isaiah 58:6-8.** This is where this year is different. This year, for the **entire** fast, we are asking that:
  - a. **EACH DAY**, purposely reach out to a friend or visitor in our church and bless them, love them, and pray with them. Break outside your normal crew! Be bold with it! ☺
  - b. **EACH DAY**, consider who you need to forgive, or ask forgiveness from, in your family, church, or circle of friends and do so. Pray until God breaks your heart for your own sin and for others. Set free.
  - c. **EACH DAY**, consider how you might give something to someone in need (a kind word, food, clothes, etc.) Think about all you've been given and the honor of giving back!
  - d. **EACH DAY** think about any yokes, of any sort, attached to you or anyone you know, and seek to loose them! For anything I missed that is hurting someone, by God's grace, jump in and help!
  - e. This year, **EACH DAY**, send kind words, texts, tweets, emails, etc...pick up the phone, go visit, and spread Christ's forgiveness and love! **Overcome evil with good!** ☺

Love you!  
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