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*Connecting People to
God's Life-Changing
Power*

*We've Got
Connections!*

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-Jesus in
Matthew 17:21

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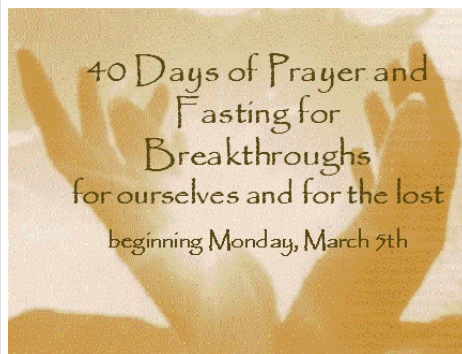
Desperate Times—BreakThrough Measures 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting for BreakThroughs

They say balance is what you pass while swinging between two extremes. My personal journey with the Lord has often been a battle for balance. One set of biblical maxims focuses on God's love and acceptance, His lovingkindness, unconditional love —unmerited favor. He meets us right where we are, warts and all. On the other hand, we see a complimentary set of truths which may seem contradictory. Jeremiah 29:13, “You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.” “God rewards those who diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6). Seems like there are conditions to receive some blessings.

So how are these truths reconciled? Perhaps in this way—God is wonderfully gracious to us all in Christ but there is more for the diligent seeker! The Bible is full of stories of folks who engaged in seasons of extra prayer and fasting for breakthroughs, not only for their own lives but also for lost and hurting friends in their lives!

So the elders of Fellowship are calling for **40 Days of Prayer and Fasting for BreakThroughs** for ourselves and for the lost, beginning Monday, March 5th. This season will include the following challenges for our church family:

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- 1) 40 Day emphasis on both private and group prayer during which we intentionally practice "Praying without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
- 2) All church prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm.
- 3) Weekday, hour long prayer meetings at the church from 6:30-7:30am.
- 4) Read Jim Cymbala's book together, *Break-Through Prayer*. Sign up for a copy of this book at church. See back page for more info on the book.
- 5) Encourage us all to engage in some form(s) of fasting during this time period to enhance the effectiveness of our prayers. Choose your own fasting plan - see our Zoom Paper on fasting options—available at church or by request).

6) Weekly e-mail prayer requests focusing on one concisely worded personal breakthrough request and also one request for a loved one as well.

7) Cap the 40 Days with a 24 Hours of Power prayer chain in April.

None of these steps are mandates from the elders, but rather encouragements for us all to become more serious than ever about prayer. Remember, what Jesus said about certain demons and troubles, “But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting” (Matthew 17:21). *There is indeed more for the diligent seeker.*

-Joe Fornear