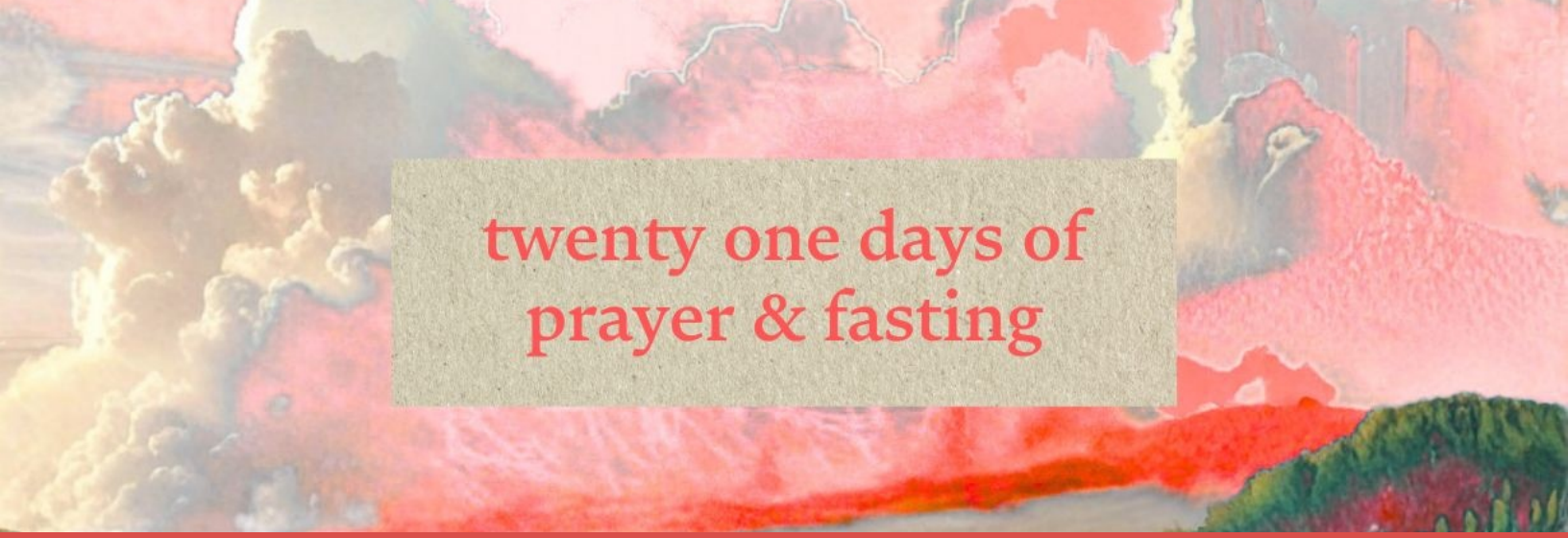




twenty one days of prayer & fasting

WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE OF US?

Micah 6:8 | August 16, 2026 | Pastor Dave Anderson

SERMON SUMMARY

Most of us have gotten very good at showing up for God. We know when to bow our heads, when to say amen, and how to sing with our hands raised. What we are less practiced at is living for God from Monday through Saturday. In this message, Pastor Dave takes us to Micah 6:8, one of the most quoted and least obeyed verses in the Bible, and shows us that God has always been more interested in how we treat people in the flow of everyday life than in how well we perform our religion on Sunday. Using Jesus as the living picture of Micah 6:8, he walks us through what it looks like to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly in ordinary, unremarkable moments. As we close out 21 Days of Prayer, the invitation is to let the Holy Spirit not just examine us but transform and empower us to carry God's justice, mercy, and humility out into every corner of everyday life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 Pastor Dave opened with a diagnostic question: if someone followed you around last week, would they know you follow Jesus? What do you think they would have seen?
- 2 The Israelites in Micah's day were genuinely religious but unjust in their ordinary lives. Where in your own life do you notice the biggest gap between your Sunday self and your Monday through Saturday self?
- 3 Micah 6:8 says to "act justly." Pastor Dave said this doesn't mean organizing rallies — it means opening your eyes to people you might be tempted to overlook. Who around you right now might need someone to step in or speak up?
- 4 "Mercy moves toward the hurting, not away from them." Who in your life has been easy to walk away from rather than toward? What would it look like to move toward them this week?
- 5 Pastor Dave said that without humility, justice becomes self-righteousness and mercy becomes selective. Where is pride quietly shaping the way you treat people or make decisions?
- 6 He closed with an invitation to let the Holy Spirit reawaken, soften, or cut out whatever is keeping you from living Micah 6:8 fully. Which of the three — justice, mercy, or humility — does the Spirit seem to be highlighting for you right now?