

1. Fasting Never Manipulates God

- Fasting does not make God do something that is not His will
- Fasting gets you ready for God's answer.
- 2 Samuel 12:16–22
- Fasting moves a believer into a position of surrender and submission to the will of God.
- Fasting keeps you sensitive to His voice
- John 10:27

1. Fasting Never Manipulates God (cont'd)

- Every assignment, every call of God, every direction from Him starts somewhere.
- Acts 9:7–9
- Joel 2:28
- “afterward :... after what?” ... a fast.
- Joel 2:15
- It’s time for the “afterward season”
- 2 Chronicles 7:14

2. Fasting for a New Anointing

- Mark 2:22
- Fasting prepares you for a new anointing
- Prepares you to go “beyond, beyond”

3. Fasting: a tremendous weapon and source of power

- 2 Chronicles 20:3,4 & 13
- 2 Chronicles 20:15, 17
- Acts 10:38
- John 10:10

¹⁶ David therefore pleaded with God for the child, and David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. ¹⁷ So the elders of his house arose and went to him, to raise him up from the ground. But he would not, nor did he eat food with them. ¹⁸ Then on the seventh day it came to pass that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead. For they said, “Indeed, while the child was alive, we spoke to him, and he would not heed our voice. How can we tell him that the child is dead? He may do some harm!”

II SAMUEL 12:16-22

¹⁹When David saw that his servants were whispering, David perceived that the child was dead. Therefore David said to his servants, “Is the child dead?” And they said, “He is dead.”

²⁰So David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped. Then he went to his own house; and when he requested, they set food before him, and he ate. ²¹Then his servants said to him, “What is this that you have done? You fasted and wept for the

II SAMUEL 12:16-22

child while he was alive, but when the child died, you arose and ate food.”

²²And he said, “While the child was alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, ‘Who can tell whether the Lord will be gracious to me, that the child may live?’

II SAMUEL 12:16-22

²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

JOHN 10:27

⁷And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. ⁸Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

ACTS 9:7-9

²⁸“And it shall come to pass afterward
That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old men shall dream dreams,
Your young men shall see visions.

JOEL 2:28

¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion,
Consecrate a fast,
Call a sacred assembly;

JOEL 2:15

¹⁴if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

II CHRONICLES 7:14

²²And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins.”

MARK 2:22

³ And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. ⁴ So Judah gathered together to ask help from the Lord; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord.

II CHRONICLES 20:3-4

¹³ Now all Judah, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood before the Lord.

II CHRONICLES 20:13

¹⁵ And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the Lord to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s.

II CHRONICLES 20:15

¹⁷“You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord is with you.”

II CHRONICLES 20:17

³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

ACTS 10:38

¹⁰The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

JOHN 10:10