

# WHAT 40 DAYS COULD DO FOR YOU

Preparing for REIGNITE: Pre-Message 2

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*“Look therefore carefully how you [live], not as unwise, but as wise; redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” (Ephesians 5:15–16, ASV)*

## Why I Need a Spiritual Refueling

1. I get **DISTRACTED**.

*“Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is not fit for the Kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:62, The Living Bible)*

2. I get **DISCOURAGED**.

*“This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9, NLT)*

3. I get **DISENGAGED**.

*“This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you...” (2 Timothy 1:6, NLT)*

## WHAT 40 DAYS CAN DO!

1. NOAH: A time of **PREPARATION** for a new beginning.

*“In just seven days I will dump rain on Earth for **forty days** and forty nights. I’ll make a clean sweep of everything that I’ve made.” (Genesis 7:4, The Message)*

2. MOSES: A time of **INAUGURATION** for a new way of living.

*“Moses remained there on the mountain with the LORD **forty days** and forty nights. In all that time he ate no bread and drank no water. And the LORD wrote the terms of the covenant—the Ten Commandments—on the stone tablets. When Moses came down Mount Sinai carrying the two stone tablets inscribed with the terms of the covenant, he wasn’t aware that his face had become radiant because he had spoken to the LORD.” (Exodus 34:28–29, NLT)*

3. 12 SPIES: A time of **CLARIFICATION** of God’s direction.

*“After exploring the land for **forty days**, the men returned.” (Numbers 13:25, NLT)*

*“Of all those I rescued from Egypt, no one who is twenty years old or older will ever see the land I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, for they have not obeyed me wholeheartedly. The only exceptions are Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua son of Nun, for they have wholeheartedly followed the LORD.” (Numbers 32:11–12, NLT)*

**4. GOLIATH: A time of VALIDATION of a new vocation.**

*“For forty days, every morning and evening, the Philistine champion strutted in front of the Israelite army...Don’t worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. “I’ll go fight him!” (1 Samuel 17:16,32 NLT)*

*“Whatever Saul asked David to do, David did it successfully. So Saul made him a commander over the men of war, an appointment that was welcomed by the people and Saul’s officers alike.” (1 Samuel 18:5, NLT)*

**5. ELIJAH: A time of DETOXIFICATION from negative thoughts & feelings.**

*“Then he went on alone into the wilderness, traveling all day. He sat down under a solitary broom tree and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, LORD,” he said. “Take my life...”” (1 Kings 19:4, NLT)*

*“Then the angel of the LORD came again and touched him and said, “Get up and eat some more, or the journey ahead will be too much for you.” So he got up and ate and drank, and the food gave him enough strength to travel forty days and forty nights to Mount Sinai, the mountain of God.” (1 Kings 19:7–8, NLT)*

**6. JONAH: A time of REVELATION of his own spiritual condition.**

*“On the day Jonah entered the city, he shouted to the crowds: “Forty days from now Nineveh will be destroyed!” The people of Nineveh believed God’s message, and from the greatest to the least, they declared a fast and put on burlap to show their sorrow. When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened. This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. So he complained to the LORD about it: “Didn’t I say before I left home that you would do this, LORD? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people. Just kill me now, LORD! I’d rather be dead than alive if what I predicted will not happen.” The LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry about this?”” (Jonah 3:4-5, 10–4:4, NLT)*

**7. JESUS: A time of CONFIRMATION of His calling and priorities.**

*“For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. During that time the devil came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God...”” (Matthew 4:2–3, NLT)*

*“Jesus answered, “It is written...”” (Matthew 4:4, NIV)*

*“Jesus answered him, “It is also written...”” (Matthew 4:7, NIV)*

*“Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written...”” (Matthew 4:10, NIV)*

8. DISCIPLES: A time of TRANSFORMATION from cowards to conquerors.

*“During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.” (Acts 1:3, NLT)*

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8, NLT)*

**ACTION STEP**

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