



JESUS IS KING



THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW



CCY Servant's Appreciation Lunch

Saturday February 17

FOR ALL
YOU DO!



Thank you!!

12PM

SATURDAY >

Let us know you're coming..
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**'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of
all that I possess.'**

LUKE 18:12

A woman with long, wavy black hair, wearing a white t-shirt and a black leather jacket, looks off to the side with a serious expression. Next to her, a man in a dark blue suit and purple patterned shirt has a large, dark bruise on his forehead and cheek. The background is a green metal fence.

normal people

Pharisees

**Fasting is about self-denial
not self-promotion.**



When some people expose their deprivation, it shows that what they're starving for is attention.



5 Reasons to fast..

1) DEVOTION



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2) DISCIPLINE



**By fasting we say 'No' to our gut,
so we can say 'Yes' to our God!**





“It’s not what goes into your mouth that defiles you; you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth.”

MAT 15:11 NLT

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1) DEVOTION

2) DISCIPLINE

3) DIRECTION





"As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, *"Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."* 3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away."

ACTS 13:2-3

**Fasting is not to force God's
hand, but to hear God's will.**



5 Reasons to fast..

1) DEVOTION

2) DISCIPLINE

3) DIRECTION

4) DEFENSE





“Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.”

1 COR 7:5

5 Reasons to fast..

1) DEVOTION

2) DISCIPLINE

3) DIRECTION

4) DEFENSE

5) DISTRESS



**Fasting is about doing
the right thing.**





“You humble yourselves by going through the motions of penance, bowing your heads like reeds bending in the wind. You dress in burlap and cover yourselves with ashes. Is this what you call fasting?”

ISA 58:5-7 NLT



Do you really think this will please the LORD? 6 "No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you.

ISA 58:5-7 NLT



Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people. 7 Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help."

ISA 58:5-7 NLT



“The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. 15 And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men,

LUKE 16:14-15 ESV



**but God knows your hearts. For what is
exalted among men is an abomination in
the sight of God."**

LUKE 16:14-15 ESV

**We can't live for Jesus
AND early riches.**





**“But whatever things were gain to me,
those things I have counted as loss
for the sake of Christ.--I press on
toward the goal for the prize of the
upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”**

PHIL 3:7, 14 NASB



“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

1 JOHN 2:15



“..those who buy as though they didn't own anything, 31 and those who use the world as though they did not make full use of it. For this world in its current form is passing away. 32 I want you to be without concerns.”

1 COR 7:30-32 CSB

The answer to our security and anxiety, is in giving God the priority!





The Gospel of Matthew