

## March 15, 2022 - Prayer & Fasting to Worship God

### Scripture Reading: Luke 2:36-38

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

#### Unconditional Love

The one thing we all need is love! We can't survive without love. Our life consists of all different types of love. The love of a husband and a wife, the love of a child, the love of siblings, the love of family, the love of friends and the love between us and our God.

In Luke 2, Luke tells the story of Anna, an eighty-four-year-old widowed prophetess. She devoted herself to a life of unconditional love and faithfulness to God after the passing of her husband. She spent night and day, fasting and praying and worshiping God.

Anna was devoted to God. She fasted to show her love for him. She was dedicated to her time of worship and meditation. We know this because she did not stop when she was hungry or because everyone else was leaving to eat. Anna used fasting and praying to illustrate her unconditional love for God. What a witness this was to all that came in contact with Anna.

Our private time with God impacts our relationship with him. Our relationship with God grows with our worship, praise, fasting and prayer. Every relationship of love requires time, devotion, and commitment with that person. Prayer and fasting are powerful tools we possess that convey an unconditional love that surpasses all understanding. .

Do we find time to show God that we love him? Or do we just maintain a routine of showing up on Sunday and Wednesday and going through the motions?

***“Dear Lord, we know you are Lord of heaven and earth, and we know you operate in our lives daily through the power of the Spirit. We ask for a stronger relationship with you. Strengthen our will Lord, that we can gain a spiritual clarity, to further your discipleship work. Lord gives us the strength of “Anna” to worship you through prayer and fasting. In your name we ask amen.”***

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**Pray the 4 prayer points on page 1 or stop by the war room at the church building for prayer.**