



UNTO THE LORD - 7 DAY FAST DAY 6

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Set Apart For A Purpose

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:16, 6:6-8; Philippians 3:12; Romans 8:19; Isaiah 6:8

Hello Victory Family,

Well, we've officially made it to day 6 of our fast together! Can you believe we are almost through the week already? (Do I hear an AMEN, HALLELUJAH?! Haha)

So, let's take a look at some things together as we finish this week strong...

Our fast has been titled "Unto The Lord". In the Hebrew this means to be consecrated, "set apart for the work of the Lord", or in service to the Lord. So, what exactly does THAT mean?

As we have been fasting and praying together this week, no doubt God has been doing a deep work in each of our lives. He has been dealing with our attitudes, our motives, and our character. He has been refining us and causing us to look more like Him. He has given us more of a sensitivity to His voice and the nudging of His Spirit. But He isn't doing this just for our sake. The fruit that He is producing in our lives is for a much bigger purpose!

God, in His infinite wisdom, designed each and every one of us with different gifts, talents, abilities, passions, and desires. When we are born into the Kingdom of God, we each have a unique part to play that nobody else can fill. We aren't called to be "cookie cutter" Christians.

That being said, this also means that we each have a *responsibility* to fulfill the destiny and calling that God has placed on our life. For His glory. And for the advancement of His Kingdom. He has chosen to fulfill His purposes through us. Think about that! He designed us to be co-laborers with Him in what He is doing in the earth! Wow! And God saw fit to place you and me here on the earth for such a time as this!

Most of us are probably familiar with 1 Corinthians 12, where the Apostle Paul is comparing the Body of Christ with the human body. I love this analogy, because it makes it so clear that each part of the body is necessary for all of the other parts to function properly. Do you see it? The Body of Christ is not fully equipped without YOU! Without ME!

1 Corinthians 12:27 (TPT) - You are the body of the Anointed One, and each of you is a unique and vital part of it.

Ephesians 4:16 (TPT) - For his “body” *has been formed in his image* and is closely joined together and constantly connected as one. And every member *has been given divine gifts* to contribute to the growth of all; and as *these gifts* operate effectively throughout the whole body, we are built up and made perfect in love.

How are you stewarding the gifts He has given you? Are you using those talents and abilities for the building up and strengthening of the body? For the advancement of His Kingdom?

Let's ask the Lord to shine His light on anything that may be keeping us from fulfilling His purpose in our lives. Do you feel unqualified? Unworthy? Are you comparing yourself with others? It's time to come out of agreement with the lies the enemy has been speaking over us and step into all that God has for us! Remember, He chose US to be on the earth for such a time as this! HE qualifies us!

So, as we round out this time of prayer and fasting, let's commit together that we will take our place and not shrink back. We've been bought with a price! Our lives are not our own, but should be fully surrendered to the lordship of Christ. Are we going to fulfill the purpose for which He has called us? Are we going to yield to the leading of His Holy Spirit, no matter the cost? Go where He says to go? Serve where He calls us to serve? Even if it's not glamorous? Or are we expecting someone else to do it?

Philippians 3:12 - Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

All of creation is waiting in earnest expectation for the sons and daughters of God to be revealed in the earth. Will we rise to the occasion? The harvest is dependent upon it!

It's time to take our places in the Kingdom. The world is in need of what we carry! We are ALL called. Each and every one of us.

Ephesians 2:10 (TPT) - We have become his poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it!

We have been "set apart for the work of the Lord." Joined together in unity, let us use our gifts, talents, and abilities for His glory, and for the advancement of His Kingdom.

Let this be the cry of our hearts...

Here I am, Lord, send me!