

7DAY FAST

DAY SEVEN

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Well, here we are. We are coming to a closure of this week's fasting and prayer. Throughout this time together, there has been this powerful declaration by The Lord to us all – He's making all things new. It may be too good to be fully understood, but it's not too good to be true.

In the book of the Revelation, the Apostle John gives us a look into this encounter he experiences face to face with Jesus – the resurrected Lord. I want us to see something specific that Jesus tells John.

“I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

“When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: ‘Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades’” (see Revelation 1:12-18 NKJV).

Jesus clearly tells him that He experienced death ,and yet He is alive forevermore. This is an ultimate picture of all things made new!

God is unstoppable. Not even death can stop His divine purposes. His resurrection power can bring all things back to life again and truly make all things new. From Genesis to Revelation you can see the vision of God and His redemptive plan in making all things new – from new heavens, a new earth, and a new Jerusalem coming down (See Revelation 1:21 & Revelation 21:9-27 NKJV).

At the close of this fast, there is a prophetic picture I want to draw forth from the Old Testament. In Numbers 17, we find a time of rebellion, complaining and challenge from the people of Israel towards their leader, Moses.

Moses gives the instruction for each leader from the tribes of Israel to bring their rod or staff with their name upon it and to include Aaron's rod to represent the tribe of Levi. He gives the instruction to place these 12 rods (which speak of authority) in front of the Ark of the Covenant within the Holy of Holies.

“So Moses spoke to the children of Israel, and each of their leaders gave him a rod apiece, for each leader according to their fathers' houses, twelve rods; and the rod of Aaron was among their rods. And Moses placed the rods before the Lord in the tabernacle of witness.

Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses went into the tabernacle of witness, and behold, the rod of Aaron, of the house of Levi, had sprouted and put forth buds, had produced blossoms and yielded ripe almonds. Then Moses brought out all the rods from before the Lord to all the children of Israel; and they looked, and each man took his rod. And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Bring Aaron's rod back before the Testimony, to be kept as a sign against the rebels, that you may put their complaints away from Me, lest they die.’ Thus did Moses; just as the Lord had commanded him, so he did” (see Numbers 17:6-11 NKJV).

I'm using this unique story to tell each of us that even a dead stick, a rod, can bloom and come forth into new life in the very Presence of God. Simply said: In the Presence of The Lord Jesus, all things become new. The Scripture says, "Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2-3 NKJV).

We are the people of His presence and of His glory. We are being changed and conformed by the Holy Spirit with each new day as we yield and surrender to His love and voice.

I have good news for you. You may feel like there are things in your life that have little to no hope changing. Perhaps you have walked away from a seemingly hopeless situation that God? Please don't miss understand me, there are some things that we need to walk away from. But as a son and daughter of God, He desires to show you His loving and creative power to make all things new. Our Father is a miracle working God.

The Prophet Ezekiel would encourage all of us today as he saw God breath upon a valley of dead, dry bones, and they came to life again before his very eyes. Certainly, God can make all things new.

Peter denied he even knew Jesus three times. He was in anguish and turmoil within knowing he denied the very One he loved the most. Jesus showed up again on the sea of Galilee and interrupted the morning with another miracle of an extravagant catch of fish and after plunging into the sea and swimming in to the shore, Peter finds the Lord there on the beach with a fire. The Lord takes a walk with Peter. You know the story. Jesus walks him into a redemptive moment to restore Peter and make all things new.

The scriptures are filled with the love of God reaching to us and manifesting divine intervention and redemption. This is what I know about our God: He desires to make all things new in our lives. This is why Jesus said we must be "born again."

As we come to a close in this fast, I'm anticipating great miracles and special breakthroughs in all of our lives. I'm anticipating surprises from the Lord that will stun us and cause us to be in awe of His great love towards us. Let go of disappointments. Let go of the hurts. Let go of the offenses. Receive hope today and multiplied grace. Let your heart fully agree with God's desires and word for you – He will make all things new. He is faithful and true.

“Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:17-18 NKJV).

God bless you all and Happy New Year!

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