
CONSECRATION 2016

Week 1 ★ January 3-10, 2016



In my twenties, I was determined to change the world. In my thirties, I thought I could at *least* change the church. Some years ago, I remember being upset with church leadership because they were not changing fast enough. I also remember telling God that I was quitting because of that. I will never forget the answer that the Lord gave me. His words to me were: “They are only what you trained them to be.” I realized that I did not need to focus on changing anyone except me.

Through a painful series of circumstances, God brought me face to face with the real enemy and that enemy was me. The reality is that too many of us start out just like me. We believe that if we learn enough facts and accomplish enough tasks, we will not only satisfy God and our peers, but also find deep fulfillment and purpose. I no longer believe that it true. I have come to understand that deep fulfillment comes from knowing God intimately, understanding His purpose to shape me into the image of Jesus Christ, and discerning how He is using His Word in my circumstances to shape me towards that purpose.

God has a purpose for you! Simply said, He wants to shape your character to make you like Jesus. In Romans 8:28-29, this purpose is summarized:

And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

Habakkuk 2:2

WANTED

YOUR WORST ENEMY

~~**THEM**~~

ME

“For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

The purpose of God is clear in these verses. You are called according to His purpose. God’s purpose is to conform us into the image of Jesus. This is very clear. Over the years, I have come to understand that becoming more like Jesus is not going to come without fasting and praying. A boy who, in the scriptures, was possessed with demons was brought to the disciples to cast out and they could not cast them out. Jesus shows up, prays for the child, and the demons leave. The disciples were puzzled and asked, Why could we not cast them out? The answer Jesus gave was: “this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting” (Mt 17:20). I have had people ask me over and over what was

He meaning; was it this kind of faith or this kind of spirit? My answer has always been yes...either one.

At the conclusion of our New Year’s Eve service, I asked those in the audience to get a sheet and write down their vision for the year. If you

“For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”

-HABAKKUK 2:3

have not done so, please do so and give it back to me so that we can pray over it. Your vision must be in agreement with God’s purpose for your life. As God told Habakkuk, we must then wait for it. It is in fasting and praying that we receive strength to wait for the manifestation of the vision.

As we give God this first-fruit offering by fasting for the first month of 2016, we hope that your desire is God’s desire for you. Please refrain from eating sweets, drinking tea or coffee, or drinking any carbonated drinks during the remainder of our consecration. You may drink 16oz of pure fruit juice, pure vegetable juice, or gatorade at your midday mealtime. If you are on medical treatment that would prohibit you from fasting in this way, please call the office and ask for Loretta Lloyd and she will assist you with a modified program. It is our goal to have as many people fasting and praying with us as possible. We ask that you eat your one meal a day after 6PM, after weekly services, and prayer times. We are asking all that can, please come and meet us

Week 1 Prayer Objectives:
A Spirit of Evangelism in The Body Of Christ
The Salvation of Our Children and their Commitment to God

in prayer on Mondays at 7PM and Fridays at 7:30 PM. ~ **Pastor Earl and Denise Goings**