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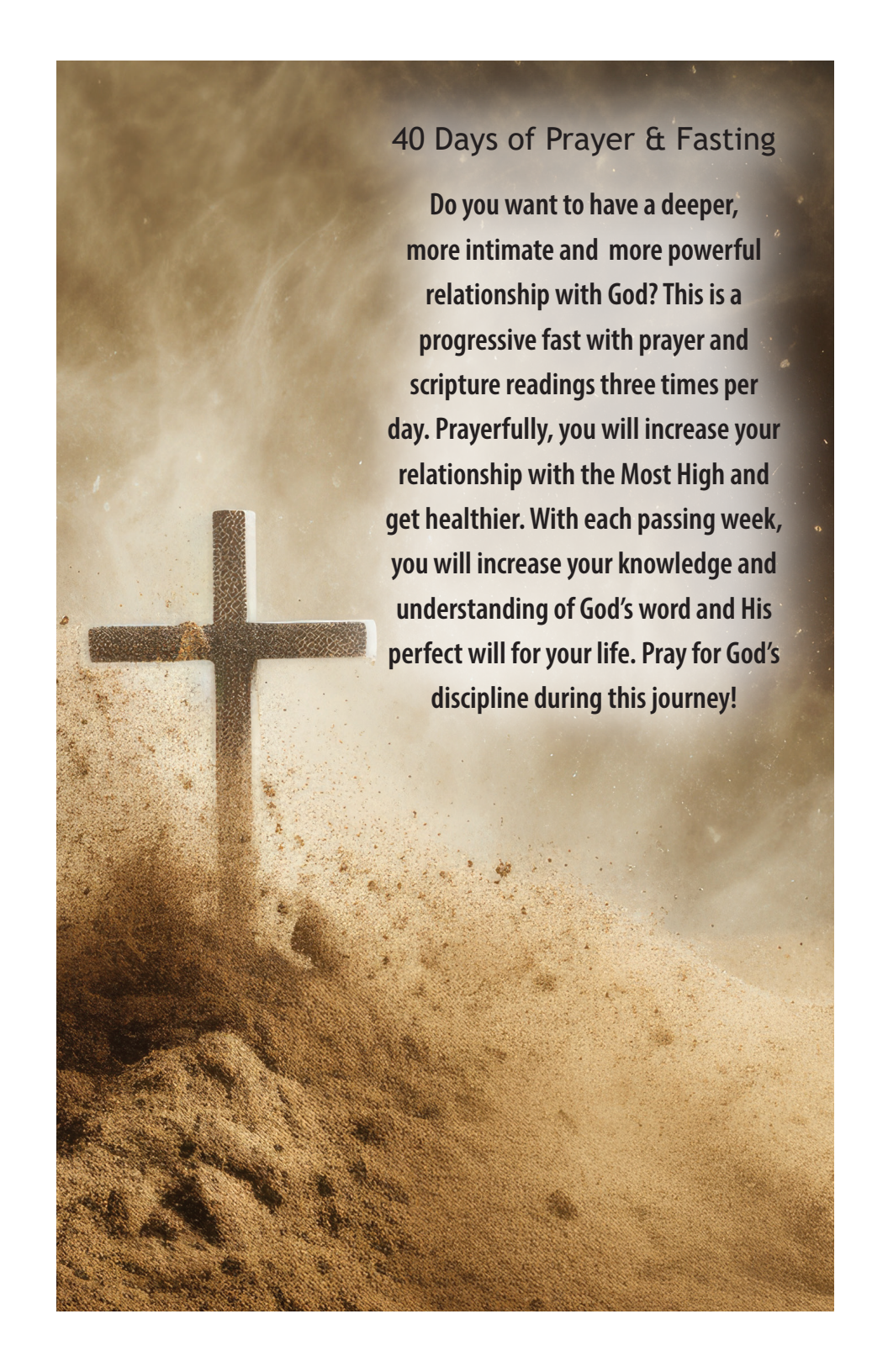
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2025 FAST

NEW FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

MARCH 5 - APRIL 20, 2025

A photograph of a simple, dark, textured cross standing in a desert landscape. The ground is covered in sand, and a strong wind is blowing from the right, creating a large, billowing cloud of sand that partially obscures the cross and the background. The sky is a pale, hazy yellow, suggesting a bright, sunny day. The overall mood is one of solitude and endurance.

40 Days of Prayer & Fasting

Do you want to have a deeper, more intimate and more powerful relationship with God? This is a progressive fast with prayer and scripture readings three times per day. Prayerfully, you will increase your relationship with the Most High and get healthier. With each passing week, you will increase your knowledge and understanding of God's word and His perfect will for your life. Pray for God's discipline during this journey!

Living the Spirit-filled Life!

The New Faith Baptist Church International community is poised to take major leaps forward: spreading world-impacting ministry; reaching and winning souls; advancing toward collective and individual debt freedom; growing in power and numbers; and growing closer to God and to each other. This is the year of *Living the Spirit-filled Life!*

We encourage every member of our local and global congregation to engage in our annual **Lenten Fast**.

The Lenten Fast is a time of consecration and preparation to accomplish what God has assigned us, pursue the way God leads us, and obtain all God has for us.

In the Bible, the Prophets Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah are in Babylonian captivity. Their enemies appear to have dominion over them. They were chosen to serve the Babylonian king and offered the food and wine from the king's table. Their faithfulness compels them to refuse the king's food, resolving to consume only vegetables and water.

After ten days, they were healthier than those who chose the royal food and wine! The Bible says God subsequently gave them "knowledge and understanding" (Daniel Chapter 1). God rewarded their spiritual discipline by opening doors for them to *live to the max.*

This is what God says to us: *Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.* (Revelations 3:20)

The 2025 Lenten Fast is a time of focus, prayerful listening, hearing, and overcoming. The doors are opening. Chains are breaking. Unprecedented strength and power to uplift lives is stirring. The blessings of God are pouring forth.

Don't you want to eat with God? He brings the bread (of life)!

As your Pastor, I want God's abundant blessings for each of us! I want God's presence manifested in God's House and all our homes. I want debt freedom in God's House and all our homes. I pray daily for us all to walk in our assignment: *sharing the love of Jesus Christ (God's Son) with the world!*


Rev. Dr. Trunell D. Felder

As believers in Jesus Christ...

We fast to release supernatural breakthroughs and generational blessings; and to break strongholds and destroy generational curses. We fast to restore and rededicate our lives to the One who gave His life for us. Fasting is a voluntary abstinence from food or things that give you pleasure. It is a practice of physical self-denial for spiritual strength.

*Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you," Matthew 17:20 -21. But this kind does not go out except by **prayer and fasting**," Mark 9:29.*

On March 5, we will commit to a fast to answer the call of God to walk in obedience to Him in 2025. It is God's Will that we experience an abundance of blessings, power, healing and provision in every aspect of our lives. The things God call us to can only be achieved through a life consecrated (dedicated wholeheartedly) unto the Lord. We must seek Him. "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water." (Psalm 63:1 NIV) He promises to fill us. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. (Matthew 5:6 NIV) Thus, as a body of believers in Christ Jesus at New Faith Baptist Church International we are committing to a 47-day fast.



One day as they were worshipping God - they were fasting and praying as they waited for guidance - the Holy Spirit spoke: "Take Barnabas and Saul and commission them for the work I have called them to do." Acts 13:2 MSG

**Starting Wednesday, March 5 at
12:00 A.M. through Sunday, April 20...**

GUIDELINES

As you progress, include the guidelines from the previous week.

- WEEK 1** No fast food. Drink water, at least 64 ounces per day (you may add lemon).
- WEEK 2** No desserts during the week, and only healthy desserts on weekends.
- WEEK 3** Reduce/eliminate sugar (use honey), no sugary drinks. Limit 100% juice to 16 ounces per day. Include 15 minutes of cardio (75 minutes for the week).
- WEEK 4** No red meat or pork. No caffeine or ½ caffeine. No bread, (you may use whole wheat or spinach wraps). Increase cardio to 30 minutes (150 minutes for the week).
- WEEK 5** Reduce/eliminate dairy. Limit meat to a ½ serving of grilled or baked chicken, turkey, or fish per day. *Continue cardio of 30 minutes (150 minutes for the week), add 2 days of strength training.*
- WEEK 6** Only 2 meals which include food per day, substitute liquids for 1 meal. Limit meat to a ½ serving of grilled or baked chicken, turkey, or fish to every other day. *Continue cardio 30 minutes (150 minutes for the week), plus 3 days of strength training.*
- WEEK 7** Only 1 meal per day, but NO MEAT! Substitute 2 meals with liquids. *Continue cardio 30 minutes (150 minutes for the week) with 3 days of strength training.*
- WEEK 8** Continue the previous week's meal and exercise plan. You should now have an increase in your stamina and strength, a noticeable weight loss, and most importantly, you should have a much closer relationship with God.

WEEKENDS Discipline and obedience are required! Limit meat to a ½ serving of grilled or baked chicken, turkey, or fish per day.

PRAYER AND DIETARY GUIDELINES

There is no such thing as a fast without prayer. A fast without prayer is just going hungry, and that means you're accomplishing nothing at all.

MORNING: Prayer and reading of God's word.

BREAKFAST: No meat! Oatmeal, whole grain and sugar free cereal with almond milk, 2 boiled eggs and fruit or yogurt, or cottage cheese with fruit, whole wheat pancakes or waffles with fruit.

LIQUID MEALS: Fruit and/or vegetable smoothie.

Snack with water.

MIDDAY: Prayer and reading of God's word.

LUNCH: Salad, steam vegetables, or vegetable soup. Add one of the following: beans and brown rice, baked potato, or oven roasted potatoes with bell peppers. Meat (when permitted): ½ serving of grilled or baked turkey, chicken, fish, canned tuna.

LIQUID MEALS: Fruit and/or vegetable smoothie, tomato soup, or chicken broth.

Snack with water.

EVENING: Prayer and reading of God's word.

DINNER: Salad, or steam vegetables. Add one of the following: beans and brown rice, whole wheat pasta with tomato sauce. Meat (when permitted): ½ serving of grilled or baked turkey, chicken, fish, canned tuna, turkey burger without bread.

LIQUID MEALS: Fruit and/or vegetable smoothie, tomato soup, or chicken broth.

Snacks: Nuts, cottage cheese with fruit, plain popcorn, fruit, peanut butter with apples, celery, or whole wheat crackers, rice cakes, vegetables, raisins, dried fruits, trail mix without candy, jello, applesauce, sugar free candy, or cookies.

Note: Always keep a snack and water with you to help avoid "CRAVINGS or SEE-FOOD" hunger pains!

*Please consult your doctor before starting this fast.
Please fast according to your medication guidelines.

✓	POCKET GUIDE • Fasting / Daily Scripture Readings				
Day 1	Wednesday	March 5	Fruits & Veggies	Genesis 41	
Day 2	Thursday	March 6	Fruits & Veggies	Exodus 31	
Day 3	Friday	March 7	Fruits & Veggies	Numbers 11	
Day 4	Saturday	March 8	Half Portions	Numbers 24	
Day 5	Sunday	March 9	Half Portions	1 Samuel 10	
Day 6	Monday	March 10	Fruits & Veggies	Isaiah 11	
Day 7	Tuesday	March 11	Fruits & Veggies	Isaiah 61	
Day 8	Wednesday	March 12	Fruits & Veggies	Matthew 3	
Day 9	Thursday	March 13	Fruits & Veggies	Matthew 4	
Day 10	Friday	March 14	Fruits & Veggies	Luke 4	
Day 11	Saturday	March 15	Half Portions	John 3	
Day 12	Sunday	March 16	Half Portions	John 14	
Day 13	Monday	March 17	Fruits & Veggies	John 16	
Day 14	Tuesday	March 18	Fruits & Veggies	Acts 1	
Day 15	Wednesday	March 19	Fruits & Veggies	Acts 2	
Day 16	Thursday	March 20	Fruits & Veggies	Acts 4	
Day 17	Friday	March 21	Fruits & Veggies	Acts 8	
Day 18	Saturday	March 22	Half Portions	Zechariah 7	
Day 19	Sunday	March 23	Half Portions	Romans 8	
Day 20	Monday	March 24	Fruits & Veggies	1 Corinthians 2	
Day 21	Tuesday	March 25	Fruits & Veggies	1 Corinthians 12	
Day 22	Wednesday	March 26	Fruits & Veggies	Galatians 5	
Day 23	Thursday	March 27	Fruits & Veggies	Galatians 6	
Day 24	Friday	March 28	Fruits & Veggies	Romans 12	
Day 25	Saturday	March 29	Half Portions	Romans 15	
Day 26	Sunday	March 30	Half Portions	Ephesians 1	
Day 27	Monday	March 31	Liquids	Ephesians 3	
Day 28	Tuesday	April 01	Fruits & Veggies	Ephesians 4	
Day 29	Wednesday	April 02	Liquids	Ephesians 5	
Day 30	Thursday	April 03	Fruits & Veggies	Ephesians 6	
Day 31	Friday	April 04	Fruits & Veggies	Philippians 2	
Day 32	Saturday	April 05	Half Portions	Colossians 1	
Day 33	Sunday	April 06	Half Portions	Colossians 3	
Day 34	Monday	April 07	Liquids	1 Thessalonians 1	
Day 35	Tuesday	April 08	Fruits & Veggies	1 Thessalonians 5	
Day 36	Wednesday	April 09	Liquids	2 Thessalonians 2	
Day 37	Thursday	April 10	Fruits & Veggies	1 Timothy 4	
Day 38	Friday	April 11	Fruits & Veggies	2 Timothy 1	
Day 39	Saturday	April 12	Half Portions	Titus 3	
Day 40	Sunday	April 13	Half Portions	Hebrews 3	
Day 41	Monday	April 14	Liquids	Hebrews 10	
Day 42	Tuesday	April 15	Fruits & Veggies	1 Peter 4	
Day 43	Wednesday	April 16	Liquids	2 Peter 1	
Day 44	Thursday	April 17	Fruits & Veggies	1 John 3	
Day 45	Friday	April 18	Fruits & Veggies	3 John 1	
Day 46	Saturday	April 19	Half Portions	Jude 1	
Day 47	Sunday	April 20	Normal Eating	Revelations 22	



40-Day Financial Fast

Living the Spirit-filled (Financial) Life

It is the vision of New Faith Baptist Church International to provide programs that address the needs of the church and the community at-large. What you will come to know is that money alone can never solve a money problem; it is only through introspection of the spirit that we acquire the Godly wisdom we need to handle money.

Many people in the body of Christ live in bondage daily because of their lack of understanding about how money operates in the kingdom. Money is a tool that God uses to achieve transformation in the lives of people by “releasing” it for work in places like Pembroke, Ford Heights, Africa, India, the Cathedral and your own house. God also uses it in the evaluation of the life of the giver. If you can align your attitude about money with Biblical principles, you will see breakthroughs in other areas of your life. You will literally set-up your family, and generations to come, for an open heaven because of the seeds you have sown into the kingdom.

Biblical Financial Fast

A biblical financial fast is a period of time when a person re-evaluates their spending habits and establishes healthy financial practices. The goals are to understand that God is the provider and to develop a closer relationship with God through one's finances.

Purpose

To develop healthy financial habits, To understand that God provides for us, To get closer to God, To prepare for financial prosperity, and To leave a legacy for family.

Practices

- Resetting impulsive spending habits
- Reevaluating money behaviors
- Establishing healthy financial practices
- Fasting from food or certain foods
- Drinking only liquids, such as water and juices
- Praying for financial help
- Giving thanks
- Being generous

Biblical References

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Matthew 6:24, NIV

Money that comes easily disappears quickly, but money that is gathered little by little will grow. Proverbs 13:11

Start your 40-day journey to abundance now!



WEEK 1 ♦ Starting 03-05-25

What is your Financial Vision?

Consider these items as you begin your 40-day financial fast:

- You cannot fix what you will not face. You must be willing to face what is wrong to fix it. Likewise, you must be willing to face what is right to achieve it.
- Too many of us avoid our faults and ignore what we have seen, heard or known to be the truth, because we naturally do not like change.
- Change means we must let some things go. But change also means that there is a new birth waiting.
- A new birth in our finances, based on spiritual values and truth, means a new life that will be a life of abundance. (*2010 Journey to Financial Freedom*)

Activity

- Review your bank statements and your credit card statements and identify how you are spending your money.
- From what you identified, determine what you can eliminate?

Week 1 Scriptures	Week 1 Prayers
<p>Day 1: Proverbs 3:9-10 <i>Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, let me honor you with my first fruits, make a deposit into my spirit, and give me a fresh start!</p>
<p>Day 2: Proverbs 22:7 <i>The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is a slave to the lender.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, I commit to freeing myself from the power and bondage of the spirit of borrowing!</p>
<p>Day 3: 1 Timothy 6:17-19 ¹⁷ <i>Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, help me not to put my hope in money instead of the living God for security!.”</p> <p>Begin establishing short-, middle-, and long-term goals you would like to achieve.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure they are measurable 2. Ensure they are achievable 3. Write them down!
<p>Day 4: Acts 20:33-35 ³³ <i>I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. ³⁵ In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work, we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, thank you for the ability to provide for myself and being able to help others as well!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are you feeling about the journey? • What have you learned about yourself?



WEEK 2 ♦ Starting 03-09-25

Your Daily Walk

This is a lot to take in. Some of us are impatient: now that we have seen the face of God and have turned from our ways, we want God to deliver us RIGHT NOW from our financial mess. But it took time to get into the financial mess we are in, and it will take prayer, obedience, discipline, and time to get us out. It's going to take a lot of doing to undo all of the doing we have done!

Along this path, you are bound to face contradictions to what God has promised. These contradictions are manifested through fear, worry, temptation, and pride.

Week 2 Scriptures	Week 2 Activities
<p>Day 5: Ephesians 3:20 <i>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, enlarge my territory far beyond my thoughts and imagination!</p>
<p>Day 6: Psalm 77:14 <i>You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the people.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, show me your miracles and wonder. Break me and increase my faith!</p>
<p>Day 7: Proverbs 13:11 <i>Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, save me from the fast money mentality, and teach me how to be steady and diligent!</p>
<p>Day 8: Deuteronomy 28:12 <i>The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations, but will borrow from none.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, thank you for blessing my obedience and rewarding my faithfulness!</p>
<p>Day 9: John 3:17 <i>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, keep my heart open, so that I may be of service to another brother or sister!</p>
<p>Day 10 Luke 6:38 <i>Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, as I sow blessings may I also reap blessings!</p>
<p>Day 11: Luke 12:15 <i>Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, tune out expensive enticements and concentrate on the truly fulfilled life – living in a relationship with God!</p>

WEEK 3 ♦ Starting 03-16-25

Your Daily Walk

A financial fast is a period of time when you intentionally avoid spending money on non-essential items to improve your finances. Here are some rules you can follow during a financial fast:

- **Identify spending triggers:** Review your budget to identify where you spend the most money and on what days.
- **Start small:** Don't expect to see an overnight change. The goal of a financial fast is to help you spend more mindfully and improve your finances.

Influences on Choices About Money Messages about money can be so widespread you do not even realize they are influencing your decisions. Influences can be productive or unproductive.

Week 3 Scriptures	Week 3 Prayers
<p>Day 12: Luke 21:1-4 <i>As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. ² He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. ³ "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. ⁴ All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she had to live on."</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, teach me to give sacrificially until it hurts in a good way!</p>
<p>Day 13: Philippians 4:11-13 <i>¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well-fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength...</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, whether I have a little or a lot, help me be satisfied in any circumstance.</p>
<p>Day 14: Deuteronomy 16:17 <i>Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, whether I have a little or a lot, help me be satisfied in any circumstances.</p>
<p>Day 15: Luke 16:11 <i>So, if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, keep me full of integrity in small details, and do not allow money to become my hard master!</p>
<p>Day 16: Proverbs 13:7 <i>One pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, help me stop living above my means, and let me live within my means</p>

Day 17: Philippians 4:12-13

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well-fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Prayer: Today, deliver me from the addiction of consuming and help me be content in whatever state you have me!

Day 18: Romans 13:8

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

Prayer: Today, give me the tools to build a wealth machine where I won't have to borrow from anyone, but that keeps growing exponentially!




WEEK 4 ♦ Starting 03-23-25

It's time to make your financial plan and establish some goals!

SMART GOALS

A goal is a statement about a result you want to achieve. The most powerful goals are SMART GOALS

- **Specific:** What exactly do I want to accomplish?
- **Measurable:** How much? How many?
- **Action-oriented:** What specific actions should I complete to meet this goal?
- **Reachable:** Is this goal something I can reach?
- **Time-bound:** When will I reach this goal? What's the deadline?

Week 4 Scriptures	Week 4 Prayers
<p>Day 19: Proverbs 11:14 <i>For lack of guidance, a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, position me to sit at the feet of the wise to be poured into.</p>
<p>Day 20: 1 Thess. 5:18 <i>Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. rbs 11:14</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, I want to thank you for helping me halfway through!</p>
<p>Day 21: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 <i>⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully[a] will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency[b] in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³By their approval of this service, they[c] will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, change my lens to see wealth not as a single event but as a process of processes mastered over time!</p> 

<p>Day 22: Jeremiah 17:7-8</p> <p><i>⁷Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, let me stay planted like a tree by the riverbank of your abundance, so my leaves stay green and never stop producing fruit.</p>
<p>Day 23: Luke 14:28</p> <p><i>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, teach me to count the cost for everything I desire to spend money on!</p>
<p>Day 24: Luke 16:10</p> <p><i>One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, help me adopt new concepts about money along with convictions about how you would have me steward over it!</p>
<p>Day 25: Proverbs 22:6</p> <p><i>Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, take the scales off my eyes, so I can teach my children how to invest, save, and create different streams of income!</p>



WEEK 5 ♦ Starting 03-30-25

Time to start Saving

Build Up Emergency Savings

It's common to hear that you need to have three to six months of living expenses in a liquid, accessible savings account. If that amount seems overwhelming or would take too long to achieve, begin with the goal of saving one month's worth of expenses, so you have success sooner.

Keep in mind that **emergency savings** are just that. It's money to use for an emergency. I hear that people are so focused on keeping the emergency savings amount in the bank that they use a credit card when an actual emergency comes up – car repairs, unexpected medical expenses, etc. – and then have to pay interest when carrying a credit card balance instead of using the money they put aside to cover such situations.

Week 5 Scriptures	Week 5 Prayers
<p>Day 26: Matthew 6:24 <i>No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, as I seek financial peace and freedom, do not allow my desire for money to become greater than my desire for you!</p>
<p>Day 27: Proverbs 13:22 <i>A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, show me where I am, so I will know where I am going; legacy awaits all those associated with me!</p>
<p>Day 28: Luke 12:15 <i>Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, make wisdom the supervisor of my wealth. Protect me and my wealth from being managed by my wants!</p>
<p>Day 29: Proverbs 6:6-9 <i>Go to the ant, you sluggard; Consider its ways and be wise! ⁷ It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, ⁸ yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. ⁹ How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep?</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, help me toil in my summer so there may be a financial harvest during my winter!</p>
<p>Day 30: Proverbs 14:15 <i>The simple believe anything, but the prudent give thought to their steps.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, develop my M.I.N.D. – Money, Intelligence, Need and Discipline!</p>
<p>Day 31: Proverbs 21:20 <i>The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, expel my foolish thinking about spending, and increase my knowledge about financial freedom and legacy.</p>

Day 32: 2 Chronicles 1:7-12

⁷ That night, God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

⁸ Solomon answered God, "You have shown great kindness to David, my father, and have made me king in his place. ⁹ Now, Lord God, let your promise to my father David be confirmed, for you have made me king over a people who are as numerous as the dust of the earth. ¹⁰ Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

¹¹ God said to Solomon, "Since this is your heart's desire and you have not asked for wealth, possessions or honor, nor for the death of your enemies, and since you have not asked for a long life, but for wisdom and knowledge to govern my people over whom I have made you king; ¹² therefore, wisdom and knowledge will be given you. And I will also give you wealth, possessions, and honor, such as no king who was before you ever had and none after you will have."

Prayer: Today, in all of my pursuits, give me financial wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, so that I welcome wealth into my house.



WEEK 6 ♦ Starting 04-06-25

Reclaiming Your Future

God calls us to live in the present, even as we keep our minds and hearts on eternity. This duality applies to our finances as well. We must accept our present reality and take responsibility for how we got to this point. However, we must also look to the future and move into the freedom that comes from being grounded in our relationship with Christ.

Understanding the relationship between time and money is crucial, if you are to break the shackles of debt and experience debt-free living. (*Say Yes, To No Debt* - Deforest B. Soaries, Jr.)

Week 6 Scriptures	Week 6 Prayers
<p>Day 33: Malachi 3:10-12</p> <p><i>¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. ¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the LORD Almighty. ¹² "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the Lord Almighty.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, it is a pleasure to know that you remember those who are faithful to you and those who love, honor, and respect you.</p>
<p>Day 34: Acts 8: 20</p> <p><i>Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!"</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, deliver me from the concept that more equals happiness. I choose not to waste money chasing happiness!</p>
<p>Day 35: Matthew 6:19-21</p> <p><i>"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, my faith, identity, joy, and treasure are not in the American Dream, but lie solely in Christ.</p>
<p>Day 36: Colossians 3:2</p> <p><i>Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things.</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Today, allow my heart and thoughts to be in sync with YOUR WILL and YOUR WAY.</p>

Day 37: Genesis 41:34-36

³⁴ Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. ³⁵ They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming, and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food. ³⁶ This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine."

Prayer: Today, help me to prepare for as many of the "ifs" as I possibly can!

Day 38: Luke 18:1-5

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally, he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

Prayer: Today I understand that to attain a financially successful place, I must be persistent in every part of my financial life!

Day 39: Luke 17:32

Remember what happened to Lot's wife!

Prayer: Today, as I walk away from the things that have destroyed my finances, give me the strength to never look back!

Day 40**Prayer****Day 40: John 5:14**

Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."

Prayer: Today and moving forward, help me stay disciplined to not undo all the efforts I have accomplished.





FINANCIAL GOALS CHECKLIST

1. BECOME DEBT-FREE
2. MASTER BUDGETING SKILLS
3. CREATE YOUR OWN BUSINESS
4. ACHIEVE A PERFECT CREDIT SCORE
5. SAVE MORE FOR RETIREMENT
6. GET A SIDE HUSTLE
7. BUILD AN EMERGENCY FUND
8. SELL YOUR OWN PRODUCT
9. SAVE FOR A VACATION
10. READ A SET NUMBER OF FINANCE BOOKS
11. EARN PASSIVE INCOME
13. FOCUS ON YOUR HEALTH

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Write It Down!

Financial *goals*

Instructions >>

List your current current financial goals, one in each of the boxes below. Be sure they each have the following components: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timely, and include your Why. Post them somewhere to see and remember.

GOAL 1

GOAL 2

GOAL 3

GOAL 4

Being

SALT

How to Have a Conversation About Jesus

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

- We get to **SHARE** the good news!
- Share the **GOSPEL** not religion, morality, or experience.
- Many “**CHRISTIANS**” are not Christians.
- GOD** saves people; we don't save people.
- Always try to **FOLLOW-UP**; have a plan!
- We get to share, but we must **PRAY**.



Start Conversations

- There are LOTS of ways to start a spiritual conversation:
- Hi, my names is _____ and this is _____. We're part of New Faith Baptist Church International. Do you have a minute to talk?
- Hi, we're for NFBCI and we're out inviting people to our church. Have you thought about joining a church? What is your religious background?



Ask Questions

Get to know you questions:

- What's your Name?
- Where are you from?
- What high school did you go to?
- What was it like?
- What are you involved with at your church



"Until all have heard..."

Top questions for gospel conversations:

1. Do you have a religious background? What did that look like growing up? What does it look like now?
2. Oh, you said you're a Christian, what makes you a Christian?
3. What does it take to go to heaven? How sure are you, on a percentage that you'll go to heaven?
4. Suppose you were to stand before God today and he asked you, why should I let you into heaven? What would you think to say?
5. Do you know what the Gospel is? (The heart of Christianity, the central message of the Bible, the overall reason that Jesus came, what it means to be a Christian) Can I share it with you in about 4 or 5 minutes?



Listen to the Answers



Tell Them the Good News About Jesus

- Did you know that what you just shared with me; the reason for how you can get into heaven isn't exactly what the Bible teaches? The Gospel tells us that we can't earn heaven by our own efforts. I can share the gospel with you in about four minutes right now if you would like me to. (Make sure to give them an approximate time frame and be prepared to give a clear presentation. Tools are encouraged.)
- Can I tell you my story of how I became a Christian?
- Can I share with you the basic Christian message (or the Gospel)? It will only take 4 or 5 minutes.
- Have you ever seen this booklet that simply explains how to have a personal relationship with God?
- Can I share it with you? It will only take about four minutes.
- Learn several ways to simply share the Good News.

VISION

*To be a people of faith
who seek the heart of God through
worshipping, witnessing and
sharing the love of Christ (God's Son)
with the world.*

MISSION

*Living the faith through worship, witness
and wondrous works.*

THEME

Living the Spirit-filled Life

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Sunday Youth Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
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