

# **SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS MONTH - 2015**

## **INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL GOSPEL CHURCH – EDMONTON LOVE TEMPLE**



### **PRAYER FOCUS - WEEK THREE**

*Grace to Listen and Follow God's Leading*

*John 10:27*

**July 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

## *A Message from the Shepherd*

*Isaiah 40:28-31* Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. <sup>31</sup>But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

Every year, the International Central Gospel Church as a corporate body, observes July as its ‘**Spiritual Emphasis Month**’. During this period, members of the church all over the world FAST, PRAY and SEEK the FACE OF GOD concerning His will and purpose for their lives.

Spiritual Emphasis Month is a time of *Renewal, Transformation and Empowerment* for GREATER WORKS. Jesus said: *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in me, the works that I do the same shall he also do, and GREATER WORKS than these shall he do, because I am going to be with the Father.” (John 14:12)*

I trust that your waiting on the Lord is coming along well. Our focus for week three is captured by the theme **“Grace to Listen and Follow God’s Leading”** and our key scripture is *John 10:27* “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me”.

### **How well do you listen to God and follow?**

In life, there will be many voices that will try to speak to you. If you do not seek God’s direction and leading, those voices will manipulate you and eventually destroy your life. It is critical for you as a believer to listen to God’s voice and follow His leading wholeheartedly. **To listen means to pay attention to someone or something in order to hear what is being said.** As we wait on the Lord in prayer and fasting this week, ask Him for the grace to listen and follow His leading. Listening to God includes listening to the people He has brought into our lives. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to distinguish God’s voice from all other voices. Ask God to help you to follow His leading no matter the cost.

### **I encourage you to attend all the following meetings and your life will never be the same:**

- Monday to Thursday - prayer meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. via phone conference.
- Friday – church service from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium.
- Saturday – morning devotions from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. via phone conference.
- Sunday - church service from 10:00 to 12 noon in the auditorium.

During the fasting period, I entreat you to give yourself enough rest if possible. Meditate on God’s word and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Stir yourself up and pray. Talk less and pray more. (Luke 18:1, 1 Thess. 5:17).

- Read the Bible and good books on Prayer, Spiritual Warfare, Intercession, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, etc.
- Listen to or watch video tapes on Prayer, Spiritual Warfare, Intercession, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, etc.

- Abstain from strong stimulants such as coffee, etc. You may drink plenty of water during the day. Break with light food or beverages or fruits (exercise self-control - Galatians 5:23).
- Pregnant women, nursing mothers and those on medication are excused from the fasting; however, they are encouraged to be part of all the services.

*Pastor Emmanuel Anum Laate*

## ***Day 12 - Monday, July 13th, 2015***

### **Recognizing God's Voice**

*John 10:27* My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me,”

*Romans 8:14* For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God,”

*Isaiah 48:17* Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: “I am the LORD your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go.

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

1. Ask God to help you to know the difference between His voice and all other voices that try to speak to you. Ask Him to open your eyes, ears and heart so you will see, hear and understand what He tells you to do.
2. Pray and reject every pushy, outward, condemning or guilt-oriented voice. Ask God to help you so you will not make snap decisions based on the declaration of those voices.
3. Most of the time, God’s direction comes through the messages we hear from the pulpit. Pray that God will open your heart to accept these messages — Acts 16:14
4. Ask God to help you listen to the fathers He has placed in your life.
5. Pray for God’s leading for the rest of 2015 and beyond – Church / Personal.  
**Psalm 119:133** *Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.*
6. Thank God that your commitment to listen to Him is enabling you to grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ.
7. As directed by the by the Sprit of God.

**Corporate prayer via conference call @ 7-8pm  
(All Love Temple Members)**

## **Day 13- Tuesday, July 14th, 2015**

### **Trust in God's Wisdom**

When God is working with you, you don't see everything. Sometimes it feels as if you are in darkness and nothing seems to work. In spite of what your environment throws at you, you have to trust the wisdom of God for your life. The wisdom of God apprehends divine truth -**Hosea 14:9**. To apprehend means to grasp the importance, significance, or meaning of something. The wisdom of God will help you to operate in a realm that is beyond your natural ability.

**Hosea 14:9** *Who is wise, that he may understand these things? Prudent, that he may know them? For the ways of the Lord are right and the [uncompromisingly] just shall walk in them, but transgressors shall stumble and fall in them .*

**Proverbs 3:5-7** *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.*

**Isaiah 55:8-9** *For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.*

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to renew your mind. That your heart will be opened to understand God's ways and thoughts for your life.
2. Pray that the Holy Ghost will help you to trust in God's wisdom, not your own. That you will not lean on your own understanding. If we do not seek God's leading, we will find ourselves swept away and manipulated by evil people (**Ephesians 4:14**).
3. That God will grant you grace to fear Him and depart from all evil. That you will make straight paths for your feet. **Proverbs 4:26** *Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm.*
4. Pray that moments of prophetic significance will not bypass you. Ask God to open your eyes to see and respond to opportunities around you.
5. Ask God to help you to follow His leading during the second half of 2015.
6. As directed by the by the Sprit of God.

**Corporate prayer via conference call @ 7-8pm  
(All Love Temple Members)**

## ***Day 14 - Wednesday, July 15th, 2015***

### **To be Filled and Led by the Holy Spirit**

There can be no perfection or fruitful Christian living without the Holy Spirit. It is our responsibility to desire to be filled and led by the Holy Spirit. **Romans 8:14** teaches that "... as many as are led by the Spirit of God, are the sons of God".

**Matthew 5:6** says "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled".

**Acts 1:8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

**Luke 11:9-13** So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup>If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

1. Pray that God will deposit a deep yearning in your heart for the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues.
2. Pray for the manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit in your life - **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**.
3. Pray that the Spirit of God will lead you in every situation. Ask Him to be your light and salvation.
4. Ask God to enable you to discover the secret of His presence. Pray that you will always abide in His presence and not grieve His Spirit.
5. As directed by the Spirit of God.

**Corporate prayer via conference call @ 7-8pm  
(All Love Temple Members)**

## **Day 15 - Thursday, July 16th, 2015**

### **Empowerment for Greater Works**

God wants “your today” to be better than “your yesterday” and “your tomorrow” to be better than “your today”. It’s time to create new testimonies or success stories. It’s time to take new territories and do fresh exploits. As we fast, pray and seek the face of God concerning His will and purpose, expect Him to renew, transform and empower you for greater works. Jesus said: *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father” (John 14:12).*

#### **PRAYER POINTS:**

1. Pray for the grace to commit to a lifestyle of prayer and fasting. There are certain levels of victories that will only be possible to you if you learn how to fast and pray. *Jesus said in Mark 9:29 that “This kind can come out only by prayer and fasting”.*
2. Pray that God will empower you to take new territories and do fresh exploits.
3. Ask God to show you the keys for greater works e.g., the power of the spoken word of God, the conscious presence of the Holy Spirit and obedience are some of the keys that will help you to perform greater works.
4. Ask God to help you to depend solely on Him. Without complete dependence on God, you cannot do greater works.  
*John 15:4-5 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*
5. Command the blessing of God into every project you have and ask the Lord to anoint your eyes to see the hidden riches of this world.
6. As directed by the Spirit of God.

**Corporate prayer via conference call @ 7-8pm  
(All Love Temple Members)**

## ***Day 16 - Friday, July 17th, 2015***

### **Lift Up Your Eyes**

**Genesis 13:14-15** *The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; 15 for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever.*

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

**1. Pray for a fresh anointing of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel and might for the rest of the year.**

- Pray that together we will walk in the fear of the Lord.
- That our spirit will be opened to God's Spirit.
- For sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:14).
- For the grace to submit your life to the instruction and correction of God's word.
- That the Holy Ghost will fill your mind with God's ideas and for the grace to draw on God's wisdom at all times.

**2. Ask God to open your eyes to discover new opportunities around you.**

- That your eyes will be alert to new opportunities.
- That God will prompt you to take a second look at where you are and its opportunities.
- For the grace to explore new areas of interest and investment.
- That God will move all roadblocks and open doors for you.
- That God will give us total victory in all the battles of life.

**3. Command every hidden treasure of abundance to be exposed to you during the second half of this year.**

- Pray for God's favour to manifest in your life.
- Command the blessing of God into every project you have and ask the Lord to anoint your eyes to see hidden riches of the world

**4. As directed by the Spirit of God.**

**Corporate Prayer, Praise and Worship @ 7-8:30 PM**  
**Venue: Church Auditorium**

## **Day 17 - Saturday, July 18th, 2015**

### **General Intercession**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4* I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. <sup>2</sup>Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is good and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

1. Destroy all the plans of the devil against the family, church, and the nation.  
*Matthew 16:19* And I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; and whatsoever thou shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
2. Pray that the light of the Gospel will shine in Edmonton, Alberta and Canada. Ask God to allow His Spirit to burn like fire to consume the blinding darkness of unbelief and rebellion, and that people will come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
3. Pray for the Premier of Alberta and all in leadership positions in government. Pray that the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and knowledge will rest upon their lives so they can govern well.
4. Ask God to increase His anointing upon the General Overseer of International Central Gospel Churches, Dr. Mensa Otabil and all ICGC pastors and members worldwide.
5. Ask God to increase His anointing upon Rev. Emmanuel Owusu Kyereko, Supervising Minister for all ICGC churches in North America; pray that God will cause all ICGC churches to grow.
6. Pray for the spirit of love and cooperation among Christians. That the spirit and attitude of truthfulness and faithfulness will be entrenched in the character of every believer.
7. Pray that the spirit of excellence shall characterize all we do.
8. As directed by the Sprit of God.

**Morning devotion via conference call @ 5-6 AM**  
**(All Love Temple Members)**

**Church Workers' Prayer Retreat @ 3-6 PM**



## **Day 18 - Sunday, July 19th, 2015**

### **Praise and Worship**

Let's celebrate our God. Let His banner be raised and His glory be seen. Count your blessings; name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done. Don't ask for anything. Just raise your voice in praise and worship to the merciful, faithful, longsuffering, forgiving, patient Yahweh whose love has kept your life intact despite all the odds against you.

***Psalm 103:1-5** Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name <sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: <sup>3</sup>Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup>Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, <sup>5</sup>Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

1. Praise God for seeing you through the first half of 2015 and almost three weeks of prayer and fasting.
2. Thank the Lord for His grace, mercies, forgiveness, healing, goodness, provision, protection, guidance and also for all the victories you have won.
3. Praise God for the lessons He has taught you and the opportunities He has provided.
4. Praise God for the peace and prosperity of Edmonton, Alberta and Canada. Praise Him also for granting wisdom for governance to those in authority at both the Provincial and Federal levels - **Isaiah 60:18**
5. Praise God in anticipation of all the blessings coming your way – an overflow of His goodness and mercies (fresh fire to serve the Lord, protection, financial prosperity, career advancement, marriage, healthy family relationship, God-fearing spouse, etc).
6. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to know what God wants you to do during the second half of 2015.

## *Perfection Declaration 2015*

O Lord my God How excellent is your name in all the earth.  
When I consider the work of Your hands, The sun, the moon and the stars,  
What is man that You are mindful of him,  
And the son of man that You visit him?

You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.  
I will praise You Lord, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

You, O Lord, are perfect in all your ways;  
Your Word is tried and proven  
In your Word I see myself  
In your word I am changed  
It is written, 'You shall be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect'  
Therefore with all boldness I affirm that  
As He is; so am I in this world  
His righteousness is my righteousness  
His wisdom is my wisdom  
His grace is sufficient for me

The Lord perfects that which concerns me  
He has made me whole  
Forgiven  
Saved  
Redeemed  
Justified  
I am complete in Christ  
Nothing missing; Nothing broken  
My cup runs over  
Surely, goodness and mercy  
Shall follow me all the days of my life  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
Forever,

In Jesus' Name  
Amen