

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS MONTH - 2015

INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL GOSPEL CHURCH – EDMONTON LOVE TEMPLE



PRAYER FOCUS - WEEK FOUR

Grace to Move to the Next Level of Perfection

Joshua 1:1-2

July 20th – 26th, 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. ²⁹He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. ³¹But 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 four is captured by the theme **“Grace to Move to the Next Level of Perfection”** and our key scripture is **Joshua 1:1-2** *After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, saying: 2 “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them - the children of Israel.*

Brethren, it’s time to arise and move to the next level of perfection!

In the bible, whenever God wanted to take a group of people to the next level, some believed, some see it as impossible and others also see it as something that will require too much work, so they complain and murmur. As we enter into the fourth week of our prayer and fasting, ask God to expand your horizon and show you that next level of perfection you have to get to. Ask Him for the grace to breakthrough all limitations and boundaries the enemy has drawn in your life. Pray that as a church, we will see improvement and growth in our praise and worship, ministry, soul winning, making disciples, fellowship, career, finances, health (personal/church), academic life, etc. in Jesus name.

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 19 - Monday, July 20th, 2015

Breaking through all Limits

2 Samuel 5:17-21 Now when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. And David heard of it and went down to the stronghold. 18 The Philistines also went and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. 19 So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?" And the LORD said to David, "Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand." 20 So David went to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there; and he said, "The LORD has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim. 21 And they left their images there, and David and his men carried them away.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Ask God to give you a clear vision of what that next level is. The ability to see the next level is very critical to your movement.
2. Ask God for the grace to breakthrough all limitations and boundaries that Satan has demarcated for you. Pray that no human being, circumstance or situation will keep you in a box. Pray for the grace to overcome stress, discouragement, disappointments, distractions, destructive criticisms, low morale, etc. that will be thrown at you on your pathway to perfection.
3. Ask God for the grace to commit to constant evaluation and improvement in every area of your life.
4. As directed by the by the Sprit of God.

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

Day 20 - Tuesday, July 21st, 2015

Perfection in Worship

Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

John 4:23-24 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴ God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Worshipping God is our number one job as Christians. When we worship, we are saying God has worth; He is worthy. True worship is not passive, it is active. It involves speaking, listening, and doing. It is telling God, I will do whatever you want me to. True worship comes from the heart. It is done in spirit and truth. If Jesus is not the Lord of your life, your worship will be in the flesh and not in spirit and truth.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Ask God to help you surrender your heart completely to Him. If we give our self, thoughts and emotions to the Lord, He will turn us into true worshipers.
2. Ask God to help you to love Him with all your heart. Pray for the grace to enjoy expressing your love to Him.
3. Pray that you will not worship God out of duty; you will worship Him because you want to.
4. Ask God to help us to take our corporate praise and worship to the next level. Pray for the release of a fresh passion for praise and worship upon every member of ICGC Love Temple.
5. Ask God to anoint every member in our music team to go to the next level in praise and worship (e.g. write new songs, lead the church to learn and sing contemporary songs, etc).
6. Thank God that your commitment to worship 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 21 - Wednesday, July 22nd, 2015

Perfection in Ministry

Ministry is demonstrating God's love to others by helping to meet their needs (spiritual, emotional, relational, physical, etc.). Matthew 11:28 teaches that many people who come to church are weary and are carrying heavy burdens. Our job is to reach out to love them and trust that God will use us to bring rest to their souls. It's time to put on our ministry cap and take whatever God has called us to do, to the next level.

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PRAYER POINTS:

1. Ask the Lord to help you love people unconditionally. Pray that God will heal you from every pain and bitterness of your past and decree that those things will not hinder you from demonstrating God's love.
2. Ask God to do something new in your life and ministry; pray for new mercies, new anointing, new strength, new opportunities, new direction and new territories.
3. Ask God to cause every ministry team in the church to grow and flourish. Pray for new mercies and anointing for Pastor and all church workers. Ask God to help Pastor to equip members to do the work of the ministry.
4. In the name of Jesus, step into your next level of perfection in ministry; step out from the status quo into excellence in ministry; boldly proclaim that in Christ Jesus, you will always wear your ministry cap.
5. Pray that the Lord will make your future sweeter than your past; as He sweetened the bitter waters of Marah for Israel, ask Him to sweeten your life and ministry with His goodness.
6. Pray for the anointing to do ministry without getting weary; ask the Lord to sustain you by His grace so that you can complete every assignment He has placed on your heart.
7. As directed by the by the Sprit of God.

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

Day 22 - Thursday, July 23rd, 2015

Perfection in Soul Winning (Reaching unbelievers for Christ)

Mathew 28:18-20 *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **Go therefore** and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

We are ambassadors for Christ and our mission is to evangelize the world. We have been commanded "to go and fish for men". As soul winners, it is important to remember that the Holy Spirit is the one who convicts the unbeliever and not us, the bearers of the gospel. It's our job to spread the good news of what God has done and is doing in our lives. It's our job to keep inviting our unchurched friends and family to Church so they will hear the gospel.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Ask God to put a burden for evangelism or soul winning in the heart of all members. Pray that God will take us to the next level in evangelism.
2. Ask God to fill your heart and mind with creative ways for winning the unsaved.
3. Pray for the release of the supernatural upon your life; as you reach unbelievers for Christ, ask the Lord to confirm His word in your mouth with signs and wonders.
4. Pray that God will open fresh doors of ministry to you; ask Him to give you a fresh passion to constantly invite people to church.
5. Ask God to help us give consideration to the effort we are putting into His church and into the lives of the people He brings our way.
1 Corinthians 3:10 *According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.*
6. As directed by the Spirit of God.

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

Day 23 - Friday, July 24th, 2015

Perfection in Making Disciples

Mathew 28:18-20 *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

As a church, we exist to communicate Gods word and make disciples. **A disciple is a convinced adherent of Jesus** - a person who truly follows Jesus and holds the bible alone to be the rule of faith and practice. Discipleship is a process that involves: (1) preaching the gospel for unbelievers to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and savior, (2) teaching people to grow in the Lord and (3) equipping them to do the work of the ministry, which includes preaching the gospel to the unsaved.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Pray for the grace to take the gospel to the unsaved. Each member is supposed to share the good news wherever he/she goes.
2. Ask God to help you as a member to enroll and complete all levels of ICGC's discipleship training program - *New Believers, Membership, Maturity and Ministry Classes.*
3. Pray for the anointing to follow Christ to the end. Ask God to help you to take up your cross daily and follow Him. *The cross symbolizes what God has called you to do as well as the pain associated with your self-denial.*
4. Ask the Lord to be your master, teacher and example; ask Him for the grace to believe His word, uphold His cause, and do whatever He tells you to do even if it hurts.
5. In the name of Jesus, step into your next level as a true disciple and place your devotion to Christ above anything that is dear to you (people, time, money, pleasure, other material possessions, etc.).
6. Thank God that His grace for total separation is released upon your life.
7. As directed by the Sprit of God.

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

Day 24 - Saturday, July 25th, 2015

Perfection in Fellowship

1 John 1:7 *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH ANOTHER, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

Hebrews 10:25 *And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. (NLT)*

Fellowship is very crucial to your growth and success as a believer. The more you interact and fellowship with godly people, the more godliness will rub off onto you. The more you interact with successful people, the more successful you will become. The more you fellowship with other members of your family, the more intimate you become. A Christian who does not commit to fellowship in a local church family is disobeying God. Fellowship helps Christians to develop a network of other believers who are committed to them.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Destroy all the plans of the devil against fellowship in the family and church.
2. Ask God to fill your family with love and unity; pray that no seed of bitterness shall take root in your family to poison the love you have for each other.
3. Ask God to help every church member to truly love, share and care for one another. Pray that God will give you a large heart to stay in fellowship no matter what.
4. Pray that God will help you to connect fully to the church; ask Him to help you open your doors for other members to connect fully with you. The collective strength and anointing of a people is greater than what they have individually.
5. Ask God to help you to relate well with those ahead of you. You will become a blessed person if you have right associations.
6. As directed by the Spirit of God.

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

Church Workers' Prayer Retreat @ 3-6 PM

Day 25 - Sunday, July 26th, 2015

Praise and Worship

Isaiah 42:8-10 *“I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to anyone else, nor share my praise with carved idols. Everything I prophesied has come true, and now I will prophesy again. I will tell you the future before it happens.”* *“Sing a new song to the LORD! Sing his praises from the ends of the earth! Sing, all you who sail the seas, all you who live in distant coastlands.*

As we complete twenty-five days of our prayer and fasting, lift up your heart and voice to the Lord and give Him thanks for bringing us this far. Let’s celebrate our God because He has done and will continue to do new things in our lives. Let’s raise His banner high. Let’s count our blessings, name them one by one and it will surprise us what the Lord has done. Let’s lift our voice and thank God for keeping our lives intact despite all the odds against us.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Praise God for seeing you through the first half of 2015 and 25 days of prayer and fasting.
2. Praise God for all the breakthroughs He has prepared in the spirit realm for you this month; thank Him for the feast of miracles He has prepared for you.
3. Worship the Lord for who He is; let your heart rejoice in His presence; bow before Him in humble adoration and declare that He is good and His mercies endure forever..
4. Thank God for doing something new and supernatural in your life this month; thank Him that His plans are beginning to blossom and flourish in every area of your life.
5. In the name of Jesus, thank Him that every mountain of opposition that stands between you and your next level of perfection is brought low; thank Him that there will be no obstruction to His grace in your life.
6. Thank Him that every valley or low level in your life is exalted; thank God that He is lifting you to higher grounds in life.
7. Thank God for the revelation of what He 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