

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS MONTH - 2016

INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL GOSPEL CHURCH – EDMONTON LOVE TEMPLE



PRAYER FOCUS - WEEK TWO

Drawing Deeper
Luke 5:1-5

July 4th – 10th, 2016

A Message from the Shepherd

July is SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS MONTH in ICGC. It is a month of PRAYER AND FASTING. Let's continue to journey together in faith as we enter week two (Day 4 to Day 10) of our thirty (30) days prayer and fasting.

Isaiah 40:28-31 Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. ²⁹ He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. ³¹ 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.

Our focus for week two is captured by the theme “Drawing Deeper”. I want you to yield to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to help you to launch into deeper waters. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to draw closer and deeper in your walk with God. Pray for the grace to move from shallow waters into deeper levels of faith in God, prayer and bible study. Ask God to open your heart and give you an intense desire to continue to grow and become the person He has ordained you to be. Pray for the grace to become an example in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, and in purity.

Luke 5:1-5 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, ² and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. ³ Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. ⁴ When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.”

Psalms 42:7 “Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me.”

Expect burdens to be lifted, bondages to be broken, battles to be won, and the floodgates of heaven to be opened in your life as you wait on the Lord.

I encourage you to be part of all scheduled meetings. The venue and times are as follows:

- **Mondays to Thursdays** – Prayer teleconference from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **Fridays** – Church service in the auditorium from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- **Saturdays** - Prayer teleconference from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- **Sundays** - Church service in the auditorium from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Note: All ICGC Love Temple members are encouraged to check their personal emails for the teleconference call-in details.

Pastor Emmanuel Anum Laate

Day 4 - Monday, July 4, 2016

Where are you in your walk with the Lord? I believe God is calling each one of us to draw nearer and deeper to Him. He wants us to be close to Him. He wants us to take our faith walk to the next level and above all choose to live for Him no matter the cost.

James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Romans 4:16-21 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all ¹⁷ (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; ¹⁸ who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) Ask God for the grace to draw closer and deeper in your walk with Him.
- 2) Ask God to help you to make His word a priority in order to locate His promises for your life. Remember He is only bound to do what He has already promised - not what you think or feel He must do.
- 3) Ask God to help you to move to the next level of exercising faith in His Promises. Pray that in the face of hopeless situations, you will still believe and exercise faith in God’s promises by thinking, speaking and acting in line with those promises.
- 4) Ask God for the grace to be patient and not waver at His promises through unbelief in case of delays.
- 5) Ask God to strengthen your faith so you can continue to give Him all the glory.
- 6) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p>Prayer Teleconference @ 7:00 – 8:00 PM (All Love Temple Members)</p>
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Day 5 - Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit. Pray for the grace to yield and submit completely to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

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. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹If 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? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³If 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.

John 16:12-14 Jesus plainly declared “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. ¹³However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you.

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) Ask God to deposit a deep yearning in your heart for the baptism of the Holy Spirit 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) Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you from shallow waters into deeper waters.
1 Corinthians 2:9-10 But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” ¹⁰But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.
- 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) Pray for the grace to yield and submit completely to the leadership of the Holy Spirit at all times.
- 6) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p>Prayer Teleconference @ 7:00 – 8:00 PM (All Love Temple Members)</p>
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Day 6 - Wednesday, July 6, 2016

I believe God wants us to have an understanding of the times and seasons He has and will be ushering into our lives. The worst thing that could happen to us is when we fail to recognize (distinguish, identify) and understand the seasons of our lives. Jesus lamented in His day because his generation did not understand their day of God's visitation. Ask God to open the eyes of your understanding in order to recognize the time of your visitation.

Luke 19:41-44 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Ephesians 1:18-19 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.

I Chronicles 12:32 "of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command;"

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) Ask God to open the eyes of your understanding. Pray that you may know and understand the hope you have received as a result of His calling.
- 2) Pray that the Holy Ghost will help you to see things as God sees them. That you will no longer see things from a shallow, human point of view but rather from God's point of view.
- 3) That the Holy Spirit will help you to walk consistently in faith and obedience to the leading of the Holy Ghost.
- 4) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p>Prayer Teleconference @ 7:00 – 8:00 PM (All Love Temple Members)</p>
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Day 7 - Thursday, July 7, 2016

Ask God to help you to recognize and obey His voice during this Spiritual Emphasis month.

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. Listening to God include listening to the people He has brought into your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to distinguish God's voice from all other voices; ask Him to help you to follow His leading no matter the cost.

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

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.
- 2) Ask God to open your eyes, ears and heart so you will see, hear and understand what He tells you to do.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Ask God to help you listen to the fathers He has placed over your life. Ask Him to help you to deal with every form of pride that will prevent you from submitting to these fathers. Declare that you have a humble child-like spirit which is ready to hear and accept their messages.

Acts 16:14 Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.

- 5) Pray for God's leading for the rest of 2016 and beyond (church and self).

Psalms 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 Holy Spirit.

<p>Prayer Teleconference @ 7:00 – 8:00 PM (All Love Temple Members)</p>

Day 8 - Friday, July 8, 2016

Ask God to open your eyes to seize every opportunity He has brought and will bring into your life

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.

Isaiah 42:8-9 I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to anyone else, nor share my praise with carved idols. ⁹Everything I prophesied has come true, and now I will prophesy again. I will tell you the future before it happens.

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) Ask God to give you understanding into His word anytime you read the Bible.
- 2) Ask the Lord to do something new and supernatural in your life; pray that His plans will begin to blossom and flourish in your life.
- 3) Pray for the grace to take a second look at where you are and its opportunities in order to explore new areas of interest and investment. Ask God for the grace to move out of your comfort zone in order to take fresh territories.
- 4) Ask the Lord to enlarge the boundaries of your life; command His blessings into every project you have and ask Him to anoint your eyes to see the hidden riches of the world.
- 5) Command every hidden treasure of abundance to be exposed to you during the second half of this year. In the name of Jesus reject every curse or evil word spoken against you and your future; declare that it will not stand.
- 6) In the name of Jesus, step into your wealthy place; step out from restriction to freedom; from scarcity to abundance; from despair to delight; boldly proclaim that in Christ Jesus, you are more than a conqueror
- 7) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p>Church Service @ 7:00 -8:30 PM Venue: Church Auditorium</p>
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Day 9 - Saturday, July 9, 2016

Come before God with deep intercessory prayers for your family, church, and nation.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercession and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

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. That the Spirit of God will 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 position in government. Pray that the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and knowledge will rest upon their lives so they can govern well.
- 4) Intercede for the Universal Church. Pray for unity in the Church; ask Christ, the Head of the Church, to quicken His Body with the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray that in the face of persecution, the Church will grow from victory to victory under the banner of Christ.
- 5) Pray for the General Overseer of International Central Gospel Church, Dr. Mensa Otabil and all ICGC pastors and members worldwide. Pray that God will cause all ICGC churches to grow and become a voice in land wherever they are planted.
- 6) Ask God to help every ICGC church leader to set a good example and be willing to sacrifice more. Ask Him to give them grace to break every negative habit that constantly undermines their effectiveness; decree freedom from every addiction and claim God's promise of blessing over their lives.
- 7) Ask God to show Himself strong in every area your life. Boldly affirm that you are experiencing fruitfulness in every area of your life.
- 8) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p>Prayer Teleconference @ 5:00 – 6:00 AM (All Love Temple Members)</p>
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Day 10 - Sunday, July 10, 2016

Come before God with a heart of gratitude. Just raise your voice in praise and worship and bless Him for who He is and for all that He has done in your life.

Psalm 107:21-22 Oh that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness, And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men! ²² Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) Praise God for all that He has done in your life from the beginning of the year till now. Thank the Lord for His grace, mercies, forgiveness, healing, goodness, provision, protection, guidance and also for all the victories you have won.
- 2) Offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving unto God for all the blessings He has ordained for you in this Spiritual Emphasis month. Thank Him for the feast of miracles He has prepared for you this month.
- 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 opening your heart and giving you the grace to become an example in word, conduct, love, spirit, faith, and purity.
- 5) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

Church Service @ 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
Venue: Church Auditorium