



## 21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING | JANUARY 3-23

### DEPTHS OF GOD'S LOVE

*For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

*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. | Ephesians 3:14-21*

Commit NOW to our annual **21 Days of Prayer & Fasting** with our YpsiFree faith community in the NEW YEAR. Just as we take time to meet with our doctor for thorough exam, with our financial consultant future planning and even with tax possibly with our tax person, it is our annual communal opportunity spend 21 Days in the NEW YEAR in concentrated and consecrated time with God.

Our theme this year is the **depths of God's love** from Paul's prayer found in Ephesians 3:14-21. As we fast our felt needs and compulsions in these days, my prayer for each one in our community is found in the heart of Paul's prayer - **"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."**

As we follow Jesus in practicing His ways individually and communally as we **gather, grow & go**, we WILL be individuals and a community who love deeper, wider, higher and longer than we could have asked or imagine because of His power of love within us. Our formation into His likeness causes a transformational force to be reckoned with in all realms "into all the fullness of God."

I encourage you to read, pray and memorize this Scripture in Ephesians in these 21 days. Allow Paul's prayer to be your prayer and your prayer for others. Allow yourself space to ponder the possibilities and dream the unimagined with Jesus and by His Spirit. Allow the co-creating Holy Spirit in these days of winter dormancy to plant new seed(s) of loving God, loving all people and following Jesus together.

In and with Jesus,  
Pastor Steve

# GATHER

In Genesis 12 we read Abram was called by God to go to a **new** place and space in order to establish a **new** nation through which God would reveal himself to the world. The nation of Israel, God's chosen people, were to be the light on a hill for God to world. This same mission is our mission while Jesus' life, death and resurrection transcended the Jewish people and gave way to adoption into God's family those who are Gentile. This week we will consider the gathering of God's people together through the Scripture selected. Gathering as followers of Jesus is a regular reminder to one another and the world that we are God's people.

Monday, January 3

Tuesday, January 4

Wednesday, January 5

Thursday, January 6

Friday, January 7

Saturday, January 8

Sunday, January 9

Nehemiah 8:5-12

Psalms 122

Acts 4:23-31

Hebrews 10:19-25

1 Chronicles 29:10-18

Ephesians 3:10-12

Revelation 7:7-17

# GROW

Throughout Scripture we are encouraged to meditate on God's Word, pray, fast, live simply, seek solitude, seek community and celebrate God's goodness through Sabbath. In practicing these ways of Jesus, God's desire for us is not simply to know more about Him, but to engage and experience Him personally and communally. As you pray and meditate on the Scriptures selected, may you sense His depth of love for you that surpasses knowledge. Ask the Lord this week in this NEW YEAR in ways do you want me to practice these and other practices that I may grow even more into the fullness of God?

Monday, January 10

Tuesday, January 11

Wednesday, January 12

Thursday, January 13

Friday, January 14

Saturday, January 15

Sunday, January 16

Psalms 119:9-16 | God's Word

Matthew 6:16-18 | fasting

Matthew 6:5-8 | prayer

Mark 1:35 | silence & solitude

Matthew 6:25-34 | simplicity

Acts 2:42-27 | community

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 | Sabbath

# GO

Jesus' commission for His followers is to go and make disciples. Jesus breathed His Spirit on His disciples commissioning each of them. Jesus' invitation to follow Him is an invitation to be new creations living out His love believing Him, not just believing in Him. As you read through this selected Scriptures, how is Holy Spirit wanting you to **go** for Jesus in this NEW YEAR? Who is Jesus wanting you to **go** to this year? God's love will always lead us to **go**.

Monday, January 17

Tuesday, January 18

Wednesday, January 19

Thursday, January 20

Friday, January 21

Saturday, January 22

Sunday, January 23

Matthew 28:16-20

Leviticus 19:18

Matthew 6:1-3

Luke 10:1-11

Acts 13:1-4

John 20:21-22

John 17:20-23