

# YCC Newsletter

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## Do Not Forget!

God has given us His Prophetic Word to run with this year ...

### 2018 - We Shall Do Valiantly (Psalm 60:12; Psalm 44:5)

So remember to wage a good warfare with it in your daily prayers! (1 Timothy 1:18)



## A Word In Season

*“Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: [13] And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.” (Joel 2:12-13)*

## Understanding The Scriptural Purpose Of Fasting

*“Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours. [4] Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. [5] Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord? [6] Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? [7] Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and*

*that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?” (Isaiah 58:3-7)*

True fasting is a means of humbling our souls in order to bring it in subjection to our spirit. This, in



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turn, helps us to learn to *“walk in the spirit and not fulfil the lust of the flesh” (Galatians 5:16)*. A close look at Isaiah 58:3-7 quoted above clearly

shows that the kind of fasting that is acceptable to God involves refraining from doing our own pleasures so that we may do God’s own! It also shows that fasting involves doing those things which clearly reveal that we genuinely love God wholeheartedly and that we also love our neighbours as ourselves! Fasting is therefore more than a mere religious exercise. Rather, it is part of our holy devotion to God and is meant to CHANGE US instead of God! This is why the Bible, talking about fasting in Joel 2:13, encourages us to REND OUR HEARTS, and not our garments, and TURN UNTO THE LORD OUR GOD! Let us heed these instructions whenever we fast and pray!

## The Mighty Power Of Combining Prayer And Fasting Together!

*“And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.” (Mark 9:29)*

In the above scripture, Jesus teaches us that a combination of prayer and fasting is absolutely

required to overcome certain circumstances. In other words, victory in such circumstances can only be obtained through prayer and fasting; not by any other means! This clearly shows that the prayer-and-fasting-combination is a power-

ful weapon that is available to us as Christians. When we pray while fasting, our prayers are more empowered because fasting helps to take our flesh out of the way so that our spirit may make maximum contact with God!

# THE WORD: FOUNDATION OF EVERYTHING

## ...Continued from last month

We must take note of what Genesis 2:4-7 says. Let's take a closer look at verse 5 *"... and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth, and there was no man to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground."*

The seed needs rain or water to germinate and these come from the Lord. The streams that came up from the earth could only keep the earth moist and not grow anything until the Lord gave the command.

The Lord God is the one who increases the seed (2 Corinthians 9:10) through His presence, which guarantees the abundance of His River of the Water of Life

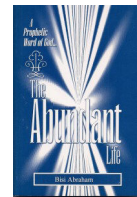
(Genesis 2:8-10); Revelation 22:1,2).

Earlier we examined Isaiah 55:10-11 which says, *"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."*

From the above, we can infer a truth that the **word of God** is likened to a **seed**. A deeper look at these verses will reveal some significant truths: **the rain** works on the seed, that is, **the Lord** is present where His word is. The word of God is also **the rain and water**, because the word of God has the breath of God **coating** it. The word of God will grow and grow very well on the 'earth', that is, the

word has the ability to increase and increase very well to the size desired by God - because the word has life. (John 6:66-68). God is Spirit. (John 4:24) Therefore His Word is Spirit. (Revelations 1:9-18 and 19:11-13).

... to conclude this chapter please read on from page 24 of the book.



The above is an excerpt from **THE ABUNDANT LIFE** - a book written by our Senior Pastor and published by Yeshua Trust. Copies are available to order on our website.

## Faith Strengtheners

Here are some Scriptures to strengthen your faith this month:

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. [17] For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." (Romans 1:16-17)*

*"And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all." (Acts 3:16)*

*"And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. [7] And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? [8]*

*I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:6-8)*

*"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." (Matthew 21:22)*

*"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17)*

## Prayer Enhancers

Here are some Scriptures to enhance your prayers this month:

*"Let the Priests ...say ..." (Joel 2:17; Revelation 5:10; Hosea 14:2) ... **call upon Him in TRUTH** .. (Psalm 145:18-19)*

*".. I went with them to the House of God .. I will say unto God my*

*Rock ... (Psalm 42:1-11)*

*"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: [8] For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be*

*opened." (Matthew 7:7-8)*

*"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. [7] For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. [8] A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." (James 1:6-8)*

# December Bible Reading Plan

1 Ezek. 41-42; Prov. 1; Titus 1-3	15 Hos. 12-14; Prov. 15; 1 Pet.4-5	29 Zech. 5-9; Prov. 29; Rev. 15-17
2 Ezek. 43-44; Prov. 2; Philem.	16 Joel 1-3; Prov. 16; 2 Pet. 1-3	30 Zech. 10-14; Prov. 30; Rev. 18-19
3 Ezek. 45-46; Prov. 3; Heb. 1-2	17 Amos 1-3; Prov. 17; 1 John 1-2	31 Mal. 1-4; Prov. 31; Rev. 20-22
4 Ezek. 47-48; Prov. 4; Heb. 3-4	18 Amos 4-6; Prov. 18; 1 John 3-4	
5 Dan. 1-2; Prov. 5; Heb. 5-6	19 Amos 7-9; Prov. 19; 1 John 5	
6 Dan. 3-4; Prov. 6; Heb. 7-8	20 Obad.; Prov. 20; 2 John	
7 Dan. 5-6; Prov. 7; Heb. 9-10	21 Jonah 1-4; Prov. 21; 3 John	
8 Dan. 7-8; Prov. 8; Heb. 11	22 Mic. 1-4; Prov. 22; Jude	
9 Dan. 9-10; Prov. 9; Heb. 12	23 Mic. 5-7; Prov. 23; Rev. 1-2	
10 Dan. 11-12; Prov. 10; Heb. 13	24 Nah. 1-3; Prov. 24; Rev. 3-5	
11 Hos. 1-3; Prov. 11; James 1-3	25 Hab. 1-3; Prov. 25; Rev. 6-7	
12 Hos. 4-6; Prov. 12; James 4-5	26 Zeph. 1-3; Prov.26; Rev. 8-10	
13 Hos. 7-8; Prov. 13; 1 Pet. 1	27 Hag. 1-2; Prov. 27; Rev. 11-12	
14 Hos. 9-11; Prov. 14; 1 Pet.2-3	28 Zech. 1-4; Prov. 28; Rev. 13-14	

May God bless you abundantly, anew this month, as you obey His instruction that: ***“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”*** (***Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3.***)

## Healing Scriptures

The Bible says the Word of God is HEALTH to all our flesh! (Proverbs 4:20-22) In other words, the Word of God can heal us of all kinds of disease if we steadfastly believe it with our hearts and confess it with our mouths in faith (Romans 10:10) Also: ***“For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord...”*** (***Jer. 30:17***) The following are Scriptures that

promise us Divine Healing. Please study/meditate in them diligently and use them to pray in faith for your healing/health. You may choose to use them in addition to your Doctor’s prescribed medication IN JESUS NAME (Col. 3:17)

**Isaiah 53:1-5; Matthew 8:14-17; Matthew 4:23-24; Matthew 8: 5-13; Matthew 9:20-22; Matthew 9:27-33,35; Matthew 10:1; Mat-**

**thew 14:14; Matthew 14:34-36; Matthew 15:29-31; Matthew 17:14-21; Mark 7:24-30,31-37; Mark 16:14-18; Luke 5:17-26; Luke 6:6-10,17-19; Luke 13:10-17; Luke 17:12-19; John 5:1-14; John 9:1-7; John 11:1-4; Acts 3:1-16; Acts 5:12-16; Acts 9:32-34; Acts 10:38; Acts 14:8-10; Acts 19:11-12; Galatians 3:13-14; James 5:14-15; 1 Peter 2:24; 3 John 2; Jeremiah 17:14**

## Prayer Focus for the Month

- Pray for all men and rulers of the nations (1 Timothy 2:1-8; John 16:7-11)
- Pray for the outpouring of the Spirit of God on all flesh (Joel 2:28-29; Habakkuk 2:14)
- Pray that God would heal the nations and restore His fear
- back to the hearts of all people (2 Chron. 7:14; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jeremiah 32:38-40; Psalm 33:8)
- Pray for Israel and Peace in Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-7; Numbers 24:5-9)
- Pray for manifestation of God’s Highway of Holiness (Isaiah 19:18-25; Isaiah 35:1-10; Zeph-
- aniah 3:9-12)
- Pray for Christians suffering persecution (Acts 12:1-11; Isaiah 54:14-17)
- Pray and plead the Blood of Jesus Christ upon every area of our lives (1 John 3:8; Revelation 12:10-11; 2 Corinthians 10:3-6; Psalm 124:6-8)

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## YESHUA CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Yeshua Christian Church is a purpose driven Church born by the will of God for the glorification of Jesus Christ and the blessing of mankind. It is the Church arm of Yeshua Trust – a Christian charity registered in the U.K. (Registered charity No. 1051006).

In addition to the GENERAL VISION for the Church of Jesus Christ which is clearly stated in Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-18, Yeshua Christian Church has been commissioned by God to fulfil the following specific vision:

- Build a people who are PERSONALLY fulfilled in Jesus Christ i.e. a people who are whole in Christ. This involves wholeness in their spirit, soul and body.

**Scriptural reference:** *"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."* (3 John 2).

- Chart a path to personal fulfilment in Christ via the teaching of the uncompromised Word of God and the impartation of the Holy Spirit so that the people may understand not just the Word of God but also the Way of the Holy Spirit.

**Scriptural reference:** *"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of Power; that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."* (1 Corinthians 2:4-5).

- Arrive at the ultimate end where such people, having been built up and personally fulfilled in Christ, may become TRUE WORSHIPPERS who worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

**Scriptural reference:** *"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth."* (John 4:23-24).

In a nutshell, therefore, the vision of Yeshua Christian Church is to build a people who are PERSONALLY FULFILLED in Christ Jesus via the Word and the Spirit to the ultimate end that they may become TRUE WORSHIPPERS of God.

# JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!



## BIRTHDAY & WEDDING

## ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS



We wish all our members whose Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries fall within this month HAPPY CELEBRATIONS. May the Blessings of the Lord continue to abound over your lives and relationships in Jesus name.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

- **Annual December Prayer & Fasting 2018:** The Fasting & Praying theme this year is: *"2019 - Come Up Higher"* (Revelation 4:1; Philippians 3:14)
- **Daily Prayer Network:** Remember to participate in our Daily Prayer Network by praying in the Spirit between 6-7 pm, wherever you may be, everyday during this month of Prayer & Fasting.
- **December Programme Schedule:** Please remember to pick up a copy of our programme schedule for this month if you are yet to do so.

## PASTORAL COUNSELLING

Do you need sound Scriptural Counselling in any area of your life?

As it is written:

*"For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts."* (Malachi 2:7)

See the Senior Pastor to book an appointment.