



Title: Crave

Text: "O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you, my soul thirst for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water" (Psalm 63:1)

Target: Spiritual disciplines don't add burdens; they lift them.

I. The _____ of _____: "As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you! My soul thirsts for God, for the living God" (Psalm 42:1-2)

A. The Expectation: "And when you fast" (Matthew 6:16)

B. The Consecration: Give up something good for something Greater. (No loopholes 😞)

1. Complete Fast: Drink only liquids; abstain from all food. (Ex. Jesus, Moses...)

2. Selective Fast: Removing certain elements from your diet. (Ex. Daniel fast)

3. Partial Fast: Abstaining from eating during a specific time such as sunup to sundown.

4. Soul Fast: Removing distractions such as TV, social media, streaming, etc.

C. The Transformation: "If there is no spiritual purpose, then it's just going hungry" John Piper

1. Believing for Victory: (2 Chronicles 20:3)

2. Believing for Breakthrough: (Mark 9:29)

3. Believing for Revival: (Nehemiah 1:4)

4. Believing for a Miracle: (2 Samuel 12:16)

5. Believing for Wisdom: (Daniel 9:3)

6. Believing for Success: (Esther 4:16)

II. The _____ of _____: "But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." (Matthew 6:6)

A. God Speaks to Us through His Word: "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword," (Hebrews 4:12) ***Graphe *Logos *Rhema**

1. Observation: "Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Luke 24:45)

2. Interpretation: "Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name." (Psalm 86:11)

3. Application: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22)

B. We Speak to God in Prayer: "Pray then like this" (Matthew 6:9)

1. Give Adoration: "Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name" (Matthew 6:10)

2. Honest Confession: "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!" (Psalm 139:23-24)

3. Remember Thanksgiving: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:2)

4. Surrender & Supplication: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be open to you." (Matthew 7:7)

III. The _____ to the _____: "Speak, for your servant hears" (1 Samuel 3:10)

A. Receive Revelation: "He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (John 14:26)

B. Gain Realization: "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God" (Romans 8:16)

1. Conviction & Confirmation

2. Invitation & Impartation

C. Experience Resurrection: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6)

Takeaway: "Every time I have fasted, I have found my worship experience sweeter, the illumination of God's Spirit brighter and the hunger for God's word stronger." Gary Rohrmayer

BREAKTHROUGH

PRAYER & FASTING

21 DAYS



A Note from Pastor Ed:

We begin every new year with a time of prayer and fasting for 21 days, asking God to focus our hearts towards his plan and purposes. We would love for you to participate with us through the month of January. Choosing to give up something that would cause you to turn your attention to Jesus is the goal of this fast. Today's message will help guide you in making that decision. If you would be willing to join us on this journey, we believe that God will miraculously show Himself to you in ways that you have not seen before.

We look forward to you joining us at Wednesday Prayer Meetings on January 10, 17 and 24th. Please register for childcare using the Breakthrough link below.

SCAN CODE FOR OUR BREAKTHROUGH DAILY DEVOTIONAL & ALL THINGS PRAYER & FASTING or visit communitybible.com/breakthrough



Upcoming Special Events:

ALL-STAR EVENT | JAN 7 AT 5PM

Join us for a CBC All-Star Celebration! Already a volunteer at CBC? This night is for you! Want to volunteer at CBC? This night is for you! This evening will include a special time of worship, sharing the vision for 2024 from our staff, and a few surprises along the way. There are so many opportunities to serve at CBC, and the thing we could be missing is you!

WELCOME HOME | JAN 8 AT 5:30PM

Welcome Home is a great way to find out more about CBC and how to get connected to our family! We serve dinner from 5:45-6:30 then begin our time with our Pastors from 6:30 to 8:00. Join us for Welcome Home and learn how you can take your next best step!

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE | JAN 19 & 20

Ladies, we invite you and your friends to spend two days with us at the 2024 CBC Women's Conference on January 19-20, 2024, as we regain our strength and courage to be the love, light, and good news of Jesus in every place! We are looking forward to seeing you there!

For more information & to register, visit communitybible.com/events

New Believers & First Time Guests:

If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, we'd like to celebrate with you! Text **'CHRIST'** to **210-762-4747**. If you are visiting for the first time, we want to welcome you! Stop by any yellow Connects kiosks for a free gift or text **'GUEST'** to **210-762-4747** so we can reach out to you at a later time.

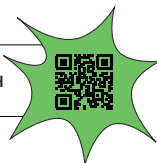
Needing Prayer?

We have a pastoral team at our CBC Cares area in the lobby ready to pray with you, or you can scan this QR code to fill out a prayer request form.

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