

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Pauls Valley, OK



2010

14 DAYS OF

PRAYER AND FASTING

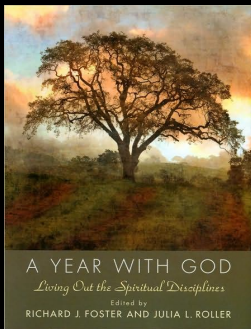
MARCH 14-28, 2010

Fasting One Meal/Praying One Hour

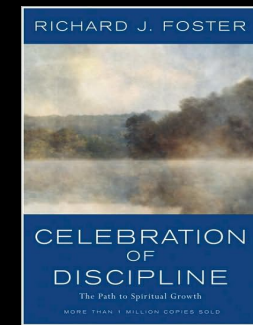
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A Year With God

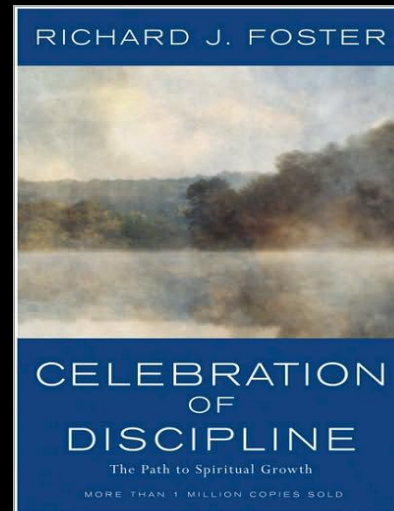
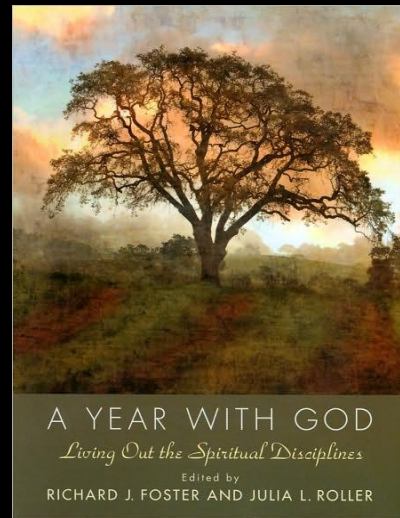


- This year has been designated, “A Year With God.” This year we will be using the book of the same name by Richard J. Foster to walk us through this year of devotion to God. “A Year With God” helps the Christian to focus on the basic disciplines of the Christian walk.

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- **March 2010** is designated, "Fasting Month." Richard Foster says of fasting, "Scripture has so much to say about fasting that we would do well to look once again at this ancient Discipline. The list of biblical personages who fasted reads like a "Who's Who" of Scripture: Moses the lawgiver, David the king, Elijah the prophet, Esther the queen, Daniel the seer, Anna the prophetess, Paul the apostle, Jesus Christ the incarnate Son."

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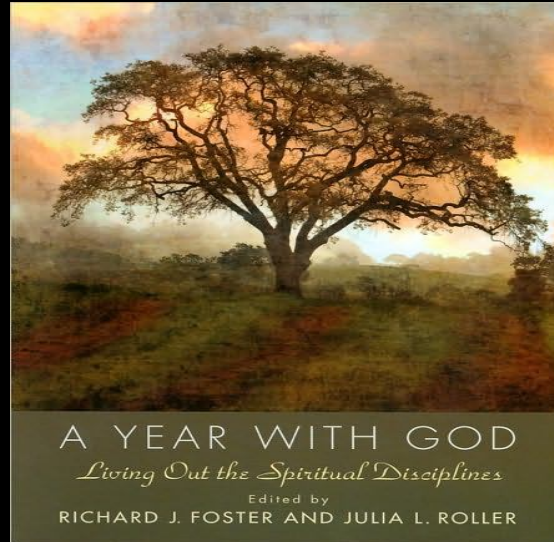


Our reading assignment this month will be from **"A Year With God"**. In the table of contents, **Days 226-245**. This section deals with Fasting. Also we will be reading from **"Celebration of Discipline"** pages **47 to 61**. The sermon series that I will be preaching this month is entitled, **"Fasting for the Future."** **Matthew 6:16-18**

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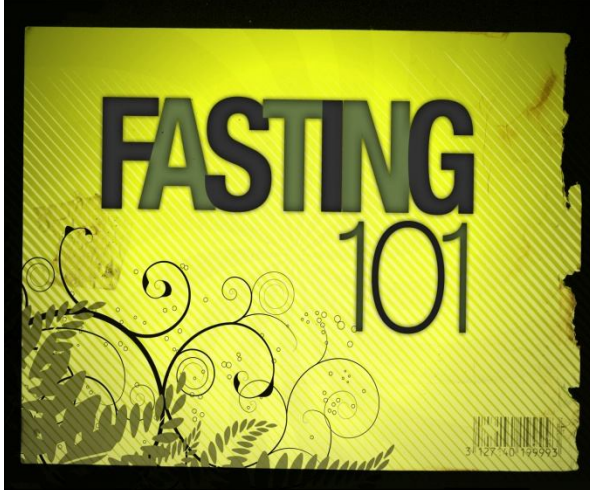
Pastor Eaton



Bethlehem: Live It Out!



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FASTING

For Dedication

Luke 4:1-13

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Luke 4:1-2 NIV

- **¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.**



- I. A Desert Desire v. 1
- II. A Designated Day v.2a
- III. A Designed Diet v.2b-c

Thesis: Christians should fast and pray out of dedication to God.

Fasting For Dedication

I. A Desert Desire v. 1 **¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert,**

God had to speak to Moses in Exodus 3:1-10 and lead him to the back side of the desert to a burning bush. This is where God spoke to Moses. The desert is where God gets our attention.

Fasti ng For Dedi cati on

II. A Designated Day v.2a ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil...

1) The First Temptation–To Command Stones to Become Bread
(Matthew 4:2-4)

SATAN DOES NOT WANT US TO LIVE BY THE WORD AND WILL OF
GOD.

2) The Second Temptation–To Throw Himself Down from the Temple
(Matthew 4:5-7) SATAN DOES NOT WANT US TO TRUST THE
LORD OUR GOD.

3) The Third Temptation–To Worship the Devil (Matthew 4:8-10)
SATAN DOES NOT WANT US TO WORSHIP GOD ALONE.

Fasting For Dedication

II. A Designated Day v.2a ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil...

"No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it."

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NASB)

Fasting For Dedication

III. A Designed Diet v.2b-c ...He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

Mark 9:25-29

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

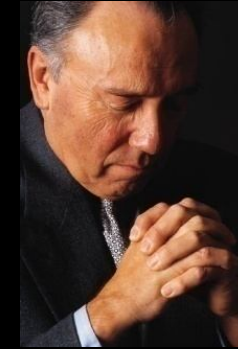
Fasting For Dedication

Conclusion:



Thesis: Christians should fast and pray out of dedication to God.

Fasti ng For Dedi cation



- **Decisions to make today!**
- **Accept Jesus Christ as you Lord and Savoир**
- **Be baptized**
- **Join Bethlehem Baptist Church**
- **Ask for prayer**
- **Testify**
- **Ministry or Mission**

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