

Pastor Rafael Robles | September 19, 2021 | 12pm
Barranca Vista Park | The Power of Prayer: Repentance

Luke 18:9-14 (NLT)

Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else:

(10) “Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector.

(11) The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: ‘I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I’m certainly not like that tax collector!

(12) I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.’

(13) But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.’

(14) I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Time to Set a Solid Foundation
Three Days of Fasting and Prayer
Beginning Wed Morning - Ending Sat Morning
Sept 22-25

We are excited and anticipating a great future ahead. However, we want to begin that future on a solid, God-built foundation. To accomplish that you are invited and encouraged to join the pastors, elders and council in three days of fasting and prayer for the future of New Season and the work of the ministry God has before us.

On Saturday, Sept 25, wherever you are, please stop and pray corporately between 8:45 am - 9:00 am (wherever you are) and then enjoy breakfast wherever you’d like. We will celebrate together at the September 26 service at Noon at Barranca Vista Park.

Why fasting?

Fasting allows us the opportunity to set aside time throughout the day to:

- 1) deny our flesh something it desires (see below for ideas of types of fasts).
- 2) have focused times of prayer and Bible reading.

Why prayer?

Prayer is our first and most valuable weapon and resource. It invites the Almighty God into every situation and helps us focus on what is most important to Him.

Our Prayer Points

- 1) Pray that the path forward to our base of operation will be clearly seen and unobstructed.
- 2) Pray for wisdom and discernment regarding the times and seasons we are living in; that we will know what we are called to be about and stay focused.
- 3) Pray for a clear directive from the Lord as to how and when to establish ministries and outreach to the cities of Oxnard and Ventura.

Isaiah 58:6-9: "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh? 8 Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. 9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'"

Types of fasts:

A complete fast (water only); a Daniel Fast (eat only what springs from the soil: fruits, veggies, etc.); fast from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm. (eating one meal in the evening or adjust the times and eat one meal a day only); fast from television and/or social media; fasting coffee, sugar, etc. (something your body takes great pleasure in). You can combine a food fast with a media fast if you'd like.

When you break the fast on Saturday morning, be sensible. Go easy on your body, have a light breakfast and then a bigger lunch.

As with every fast, please note any medical conditions and choose your fast accordingly.

Reminder to Join a Church Connect

More info at our website NewSeasonVTA.org/church-connect