

Victory Faith

THE CHURCH IN THE GARDEN 21 DAYS PRAYER & FASTING GUIDE 15 January - 04 February 2023

"Thus says the Lord, "Stand by the roads and look; **ASK** for the **ANCIENT PATHS**, where the **GOOD WAY** is; then **WALK IN IT**, And you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it!" **Jeremiah 6:16 AMP**[Emphasis mine]

Happy New Year! I hope you are strong in the Lord and in the power of His might having just stepped into 2023. It is easy to noticethat days have been passing so fast! But what a great hope we have as believers in Christ as we look into the glorious future God has in store for us! As we are living in the end of the end times, we need to be more conscious of the promises of God, and be available to be used by Him in bringing the lost into salvation in Christ Jesus, and to the knowledge of the truth. God has given us His Word and His Spirit for us to accomplish His will on earth.

As we get into our annual 21 days of Prayer and Fasting, I want to bring to your remembrance of the word that Pastor Carla spoke to us just before Christmas 2022. She spoke to us about **THE ANCIENT PATHS**.

In going back to our opening Scripture Jeremiah 6:16, God is telling His people to ASK for the ancient paths. God is a covenant God. He cut His covenant with our forefathers of faith, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob with the intention of blessing them. He had paths for them that if they CHOSE them, they would experience His goodness. These are paths of righteousness. There was a clear distinction between our fathers of faith who chose God's ways, and others of the world who worshiped other gods.

Instead, You direct me on the path that leads to a BEAUTIFUL LIFE. As I walk with You, the pleasures are never-ending, and I know true joy and contentment. **Psalm 16:11TVB**

Seeing what is connected to these ancient paths, a beautiful life, then we need to pray much about them. Let me quote Pastor Carla, she said, "We pray much about these paths, because our daily CHOICES to walk with God are going to make a tremendous difference to what we experience in 2023." This means church, that we must make decisions that agree with the Word of God and in no way compromise. By doing so, we honor God. Honor deals with priority, He becomes FIRST in whatever we do and we depend on His presence. His presence is on these paths as we have seen in **Psalm 16:11**.

God has these PATHS that He has prepared ahead of time for us to walk in them. However, to know and walk in these paths is not automatic. It takes first, ASKING! It is by asking the Father in the name of Jesus regarding these paths, that theyare **REVEALED** to us.

"Direct me, Yahweh, throughout my journey so I can experience your plans for my life. **REVEAL** the life-paths that are pleasing to you." **Psalms 25:4-5 TPT**[Emphasis mine]

Asking is a very important word in the Scriptures, Jesus says; "ASK, and it will be given to you; SEEK, and you will find; KNOCK, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who

asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." Matthew 7:7, 8 NKJV

Therefore, during this time of prayer and fasting, we want to honor God by spending time with Him and asking Him to reveal these paths to us. It is by spending time with Him that we receive revelations of His will. So why fast? It is for our own benefit that we may value His will, and His presence more than we value our natural desires.

So take time in His presence reading His Word, pray much in the spirit, be aware of words coming out of your mouth that they may be in agreement with God's Word. Make sure you avail yourself for corporate prayer meetings in VFC at 6pm on Wednesdays & Fridays during this fast. This way we will be in one accord in pursuing the will of God for our nation, the body of Christ and for our individual lives in 2023. Expect new anointings as you make these prayers.

Sunday, 15- Saturday, 21 January - ASKING FOR THE ANCIENT PATHS

Father, I thank You for the privilege of belonging to You through Your Son Jesus Christ. I thank You that the blood of our Savior Jesus Christ has made it possible for me to be forgiven of all my sins, and be cleansed from all unrighteousness. I confess my sins and ask You to forgive me where I have wandered away from Your will. I am now asking You for the ancient paths to be revealed to me. I choose to walk in Your ways and honor You with my life. Thank You for Your help as I seek You, in Jesus' name, amen!

Jeremiah 6:16, Matthew 7:7-12; Psalm 16:11; Psalm 23 TPT, Psalm 25:4-5,

Sunday, 22– Saturday, 28 January - PRAYING FOR VFC & THE UNIVERSAL BODY OF CHRIST

Father, we ask You for the revelation of the ancient paths to the body of Christ in carrying out Your will in these end times.

We pray for believers in Christ that we all may be one, so that the world may believe that You sent Your Son Jesus. Reveal Your glory to the church that believers may be one, and that we may be perfectly united. May Your love be revealed to Your people. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen.

John 14,15,16,17, Ephesians 1:15-23, 3:14-21, Ephesians 4, John 13:34-35, Malachi 3:16-18, Isaiah 60, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8,13 AMP

Sunday, 29 January - Saturday, 4 February - PRAYING FOR ISRAEL & KENYA

Father, in the name of Jesus we pray for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Jews and all the nations, and for a great awakening to You. We believe You for the multitudes — millions and millions of souls — to be swept into Your Kingdom. All of us in Living Faith International and Victory Faith Church want to be part of this great move through our prayers, faith, labor, and giving.We ask You to help believers in Christ in every nation to rise up and glorify Your name!

May we in Victory Faith Church be at the forefront of a great move of God in Kenya! We ask You to position our nation in the ancient paths that You have for her. We pray for righteous choices in our president's decisions, and all those in authority because of the destiny of our nation

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May there be a removal of a spirit of stupor upon the Jewish people, that they may see and hear Your voice; the God of Abraham through Your Son Jesus Christ.

For of You and through You, and to You are all things, to You be glory forever. Amen *Isaiah 25, Joel, 1 Timothy 2:1-5, Psalm 122, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Romans 11*