

# **2025 Revival**

**Date : October 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday morning regular service times with an evening service at 7pm. Monday – Wednesday services at 7pm each night.

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## **3-Week Devotional**

**Following Jesus, Being Changed by Jesus, and  
Living on Mission with Jesus**

**Suggested start date - Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>**

(Dates are not assigned to each devotional to allow some flexibility and scriptures were not printed in order to encourage us to open our bibles more and familiarize ourselves with the scriptures better.)

**PVCC**

## **Introduction**

Dear Church,

Thank you for picking up this 21-day devotional book. The intention of this book is threefold: First: to help us become more deeply involved in prayer, second: to revive us in our walk with God; Third: to focus on the great commission.

A key Biblical concept needed to accomplish these goals is that of relationship-building. First, we build a relationship with God through communication (Prayer); next, we walk more closely with Him in service, and then we bring others to Him. All this can be accomplished as we build relationship with God and man.

A logical starting place is to become familiar with the Biblical term for families, "Oikos." The word "families," according to noted Biblical historian, Cornel Goerner, "does not refer to the simple family unit, composed of a man, his wife, and their children, but rather describes the extended family, or Oikos." The word also brings with it the idea of a Biblical household which included, not just family members, but also servants. Today we would include friends, extended family, and associates. Oikos has also been defined as those who belong to you. The Oikos principle of each member using their influence for Christ, results in a chain of conversion of each new Christian using God - given opportunities to bring new people into the Church.

God Bless you as you begin this 21 Day Devotional Book!

## **Fasting**

Every PVCC member is asked to prayerfully consider fasting one day each week to seek God's individual and church-wide direction for discipleship.

## **Why Fast?**

A Spiritual fast is a conscious decision to abstain from eating food for a period of time to experience God from a clearer perspective.

Today's Christians, and in particular American Christians, are blessed with so many opportunities, freedoms, and riches that we often find ourselves walking by sight, rather than by faith.

As we depend more and more on our own plentiful resources and upon self, our view of God sinks lower and lower. We ignore His Word, and our appetite for it decreases until, like the victim of anorexia who loses the desire for food, we lose our desire for God. Much of what we call

prayer is actually wishful thinking, evidenced by our stunned reaction when God undeniably moves.

Fasting offers us the opportunity to experience God from a clearer Biblical perspective. It is not a cry of, "Look! Here I am, God. I'm doing this to get you to notice me." Nor is it making a deal with God as in, I fast and force Him to do something. Instead, a conscious decision to give up food helps us to realize:

- How strong our human desire is
- How enticing food truly is (or other objects that draw us away from God)
- How dependent on God we are for everything
- How much we need His Word, the Bible, which is our spiritual food
- How much we are loved by Jesus, who surrendered much more than food when He stepped down from heaven to live, suffer, and die for us
- How sinful we are
- How powerful, infinite, holy, merciful, gracious, and sufficient God is

Fasting is effective with regard to answered prayer not because it moves God toward us but, because this denying of self, moves us toward God; so that we are in a position to cooperate with Him in what He plans to do. When we understand God's will, we pray in God's will and our prayers are answered.

This is the pattern we see in Biblical fasting. When God's people recognized their desperate situation, they fasted before God, acknowledged their own inability and His ability to deliver. They listened for His instruction, just as we can listen to Him by reading the Bible, so that they would be able to follow Him to the victory He had prepared...God always receives great glory when He delivers people who know they cannot save themselves.

Upon inquiring about the Jews who had escaped captivity and remained in Jerusalem: Nehemiah learned that they were "in great distress and reproach and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its' gates are burned with fire." (Nehemiah 1:3)

What a parallel there is to the Christian Church in America today! The discipling majority has dwindled to a minority, and here in Natrona County, it is no different. We all have a host of friends, neighbors, co-workers and loved ones who are lost.

Nehemiah's response was weeping, mourning, fasting and praying before God of heaven. (Nehemiah 1:4) God then gave him clear direction, supernatural protection and abundant resources to return to Jerusalem, leading families to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem in fifty-two days.

When we too are willing to weep, mourn, fast and pray before the Lord, He will give each of us clear direction, supernatural protection and abundant resources to stand beside other PVCC families, rebuilding the spiritual walls of our discipling outreach to our community.

### **What will our commitment be?**

In each fasting period, we commit to:

1. Begin with prayer, giving the day to the Lord
2. Ask Him to reveal sin in our lives and deliver us from it
3. Depend on Him by reading the Word especially when we feel hunger
4. Seek opportunities to focus on God, right in the midst of our busy schedules
5. Ask God to reveal and accomplish His will with regard to our individual and church wide commitment to revival
6. End each fasting period with thanks and praise to God.

Those who know they are unable to fast or find that they are unable to fast for whatever reason are urged to reject any feelings of guilt and join gladly with those who are fasting in the six commitments listed above.

### **What will the result be?**

Each member will have opportunity to clearly hear from God what their part will be in accomplishing the discipleship work of the Church. Corporately as a church we will be in harmony with the mind and will of God; and our faith will increase as we experience a clearer, biblical view of who God is and all that He is able to do. May God bless you on your journey to know and understand Him more deeply than ever before!

### **Helpful considerations for fasting**

1. Prayerfully determine ahead of time what kind of fast you will undertake:
2. Total abstinence
3. Water Only
4. Water and juice (low-acid, unsweetened juices such as pineapple, grape, and apple are easiest on an empty stomach. High-acid juices such as orange or tomato should be unsweetened and greatly diluted. This type of fast allows you to maintain your energy level while accomplishing the purpose of a fast.)
5. Schedule ahead of time and the periods which you plan to dedicate to reading God's Word and praying.
6. If you are unable to fast all day, consider fasting one or two meals.
7. Remember that longer fast requires additional considerations regarding health, physical activity, and doctor approval. Ask for such information before attempting to fast for an extended time.

***Caution! Some people should not fast for health reasons. If you are pregnant, diabetic or have ANY other health concerns, PLEASE seek the advice of your doctor before attempting a fast.***

# Week 1: To Follow Jesus

## Day 1: The Call to Follow

Matthew 4:18–20

Jesus calls us to leave everything behind. What is He asking you to leave to follow Him?

When Jesus called Peter and Andrew, He didn't give them a detailed plan—He simply said, 'Follow me.' This is the essence of discipleship: trusting Him enough to step into the unknown. God often calls us to leave behind comfort, security, or even personal ambitions so we can embrace His greater purpose. The question isn't whether He's calling—you can be sure He is—but whether you're willing to answer with immediate obedience.

Pray - Lord, help me surrender everything to follow You completely.

## Day 2: Deny Yourself

Luke 9:23–24

Following Jesus means daily surrender. What does denying yourself look like today?

Jesus' call to deny ourselves isn't about losing identity but about finding true life in Him. Denial means laying down selfish desires and aligning our will with God's. It's a daily decision—often moment by moment—to choose His way over ours. In doing so, we discover the paradox of the gospel: that in losing our life for Christ, we find the abundant life we were created for.

Pray – Lord help me to see the difference between my will and yours and to experience the abundant life you have planned for me.

## Day 3: Abide in Him

John 15:4–5

Following isn't just action—it's connection. Are you abiding in Jesus through His Word and prayer?

Abiding in Jesus is like a branch connected to the vine—it's the only way to bear lasting fruit. We can do nothing of eternal value apart from Him.

This abiding comes through consistent time in His Word, prayer, and obedience. It's less about striving and more about staying close to Him, drawing life and strength from His presence each day.

Pray - Let my life be marked by abiding in You daily.

## Day 4: The Good Shepherd

John 10:27

Jesus knows His sheep. How are you hearing His voice in your life?

The Good Shepherd knows each of His sheep by name and leads them with care. His voice cuts through the noise of the world, but we must learn to recognize it through Scripture, prayer, and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Just as sheep trust their shepherd's direction, we too can follow Jesus with confidence, knowing He will lead us to places of safety, provision, and peace.

Pray - Teach me to hear Your voice clearly and follow where You lead.

## Day 5: Count the Cost

Luke 14:25–33

Following Jesus may cost you comfort, but leads to eternal joy. What cost are you counting?

Jesus was upfront about the cost of discipleship. It's not a casual commitment—it requires placing Him above everything else, even family and possessions. While the price may seem high, the reward of knowing Christ far outweighs any sacrifice. Counting the cost isn't meant to discourage but to prepare us for wholehearted devotion that endures to the end.

Pray - Help me count the cost and choose You above all else.



## Day 6: Walk in the Light

1 John 1:5–7

To follow Jesus is to walk in truth. Are there areas in your life needing His light?

God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. Walking in the light means living openly before Him, allowing His truth to expose sin and bring healing. It also means living in genuine fellowship with others. When we walk in the light, we experience the freedom and cleansing that comes through the blood of Jesus.

Pray – Lord, expose the darkness in my life and allow for healing where it is needed.

## Day 7: Surrendered Obedience

John 14:15

Love for Jesus is expressed in obedience. What step of obedience is He calling you to take?

Jesus connects love for Him directly with obedience to His commands. Our obedience isn't about legalism—it's a love response to the One who first loved us. When we obey, we show that we trust His wisdom and goodness. Even small acts of obedience can have eternal impact when they're done out of love for Christ.

Pray - Give me the courage to obey even when the path is difficult.

## **Week 2: To Be Changed by Jesus**

### **Day 8: New Creation**

2 Corinthians 5:17

In Christ, we're not improved—we're made new. What old habits still linger?

Becoming a new creation in Christ means we're no longer defined by our past sins, failures, or even our old identity. God gives us a fresh start and a new heart. While transformation is immediate in the spiritual sense, it's also ongoing as the Spirit works in us daily. We must choose to live in the reality of who we now are in Christ.

Pray - Father, transform my heart to reflect Your love and holiness.

### **Day 9: Renewing Your Mind**

Romans 12:2

True change starts with your thinking. What thoughts need replacing with God's truth?

Our minds shape our actions. Without renewal, we conform to the world's way of thinking. But through God's Word, our minds are transformed, enabling us to see life through His perspective. This renewal is continuous—it happens as we meditate on Scripture and allow God's truth to replace lies we've believed for too long.

Pray - Renew my mind with Your truth and remove every lie I've believed.

## Day 10: Bearing Fruit

Galatians 5:22–23

The Spirit produces fruit in a changed life. Which fruit is growing in you?

The evidence of true transformation is fruit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These qualities aren't achieved through willpower but are produced by the Holy Spirit as we stay connected to Jesus. If the fruit seems absent, it's time to check our connection to the Vine.

Pray - Grow the fruit of Your Spirit in me—love, joy, peace, and more.

## Day 11: From Glory to Glory

2 Corinthians 3:18

Change is a process. Are you patient with how God is growing you?

Spiritual transformation is gradual. God is molding us into the image of Christ one step at a time. While we may not notice the daily changes, over time, His work becomes evident. Instead of becoming discouraged by slow progress, we can trust that the Spirit is faithfully shaping us for His glory.

Pray - Help me embrace the process of change with patience and faith.

## Day 12: A Heart After God

Psalms 51:10–12

Real change starts in the heart.

David's prayer after his failure reminds us that only God can create a pure heart in us. We cannot change ourselves from the outside in—true transformation begins with God cleansing and renewing our inner being. When our hearts are right, our actions will naturally follow.

Pray – God renew my heart today.

## Day 13: Strength in Weakness

2 Corinthians 12:9–10

His grace transforms our weakness. Where do you need His strength today?

Paul discovered that God's power is made perfect in weakness. Instead of hiding our weaknesses, we can boast in them, knowing they are opportunities for God's grace to shine. Our limitations make space for His limitless strength, allowing Him to receive the glory.

Pray – Lord help me to see the opportunities to grow in your strength and not to stay stuck in my weaknesses.

## Day 14: Put On the New Self

Ephesians 4:22–24

We are to actively live in our new identity. What do you need to put off or put on today?

Transformation isn't passive, we have a role to play. We must choose daily to put off the old self with its sinful patterns and put on the new self, glorifying God in our obedience and worship. This requires intentional choices, guided by the Spirit, to live in the righteousness and holiness we've been given in Christ.

Pray - Show me what to put off and what to put on in my new identity in Christ.

## **Week 3: To Be on Mission with Jesus**

### **Day 15: The Great Commission**

**Matthew 28:18–20**

Jesus sends every follower. Where is He sending you today?

The Great Commission isn't for a select few—it's for every believer. Jesus gives us His authority and presence as we go into the world to make disciples. Whether near or far, our mission is to share His gospel, teach His ways, and trust His promise to be with us always.

Pray - Jesus, send me with boldness to share Your love and truth

### **Day 16: Salt and Light**

**Matthew 5:13–16**

Your life is a witness. How can your light shine today?

Salt preserves and light reveals. As followers of Jesus, we are called to live in such a way that our presence brings life and our actions reveal the goodness of God. This means living with integrity, kindness, and courage—so that others see our good works and glorify God.

Pray - Help me see the people around me with Your eyes of compassion.

### **Day 17: Ambassadors for Christ**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**

You represent Jesus to the world. Who needs His love around you?

An ambassador represents their home country in a foreign land. As Christians, we represent the kingdom of God here on earth. Our words, actions, and attitudes communicate what God is like. This high calling should shape how we interact with everyone around us.

Pray - Empower me to live as Your ambassador in every setting.

## Day 18: Love in Action

James 1:27

Mission is more than words—it's love expressed. Who can you serve today?

Pure religion, according to James, is practical love—caring for the vulnerable and living with integrity. Mission work begins right where we are, with acts of kindness and compassion that reflect the heart of God to a hurting world.

Pray – Lord open my eyes to those I can show your love and kindness to that I may miss on my own.

## Day 19: Use Your Gifts

1 Peter 4:10–11

God equipped you for His mission. How are you using your gifts for others?

God has given each believer spiritual gifts, not for personal gain but to serve others. When we use our gifts faithfully, we steward God's grace well. The mission of God moves forward when every believer contributes their part.

Pray - Use my gifts and time to serve others and glorify You.

## Day 20: Boldness to Speak

Acts 4:29–31

We need courage to share the gospel.

The early church prayed for boldness, not safety, in the face of persecution. Likewise, we need the Spirit's power to speak the truth in love, even when it's unpopular. God delights to answer prayers for courage to proclaim the gospel.

Pray – Lord, give me the boldness and peace to speak your truth in all circumstances.

## Day 21: Finish the Race

2 Timothy 4:7

Living on mission is lifelong. Are you living with eternal purpose in mind?

Paul's final words reflect a life poured out for the gospel. Finishing the race requires endurance, focus, and unwavering faith. When we live with eternity in view, we can face challenges with confidence, knowing our reward is secure in Christ.

Pray - Strengthen me to finish the race and live on mission every day.

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### **4:19 Discipleship groups**

The Holy Spirit has led the elders at PVCC to believe that in order to effectively and consistently disciple and be discipled, all members should prayerfully consider becoming a part of a discipleship group, or 4:19 group.

Jesus started with 12 disciples. A small group. He spent a period of time with them teaching and building a relationship with them.

We are modeling this based on what Jesus did and said. In John 17:4 Jesus prayed to the Father, "I have glorified you on earth by completing the work you gave me to do." This was prior to the cross, the work he is referring to is making disciples who could make other disciples, this was his plan for reconciling a lost world. In John 13:34-35 He says "I give you a new command: love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another, by this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." By being a part of a small group (10-12 people) we can be intentional and relational with each other

as we encourage one another to draw closer to Jesus and one another. (Love God, Love your neighbor...). We will follow the method described in the early church in Acts 2:42, continuing steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers.

Discipleship is not what we do, discipleship must be who we are.

Please prayerfully consider joining a small group.

First, consider a few people within the church who you know and would be comfortable being a part of a 4:19 group with and give that list to an elder.

We will set up groups to be around 12 members each, with a facilitator. This is for all ages, marital status, new or long - time members. Couples are encouraged to do this together. Childcare costs will be taken care of by the church. Which day of the week can be discussed and decided upon by each individual group. A typical small group meets weekly and lasts about 2 hours (this includes having a meal together).

We pray the Holy Spirit will use PVCC to disciple and be discipled, to be the light in a dark world and to show His love to the lost.



## NOTES