

How Do I Start?

Welcome to **day 10** of our 21 days of prayer and fasting! It's time for us to change our mindset. Last week the focus was on each of us individually. Now it's time to start thinking and praying **organizationally**.

David was, without doubt, God's man for the job. He was a godly man, a strong leader, and a victorious warrior. He developed his reputation as he matured and grew up in the public eye. He was a man after God's own heart. As church members, especially under healthy leadership, it is easy to confuse following that leader with following God. But know this: People will always let you down. So don't confuse God with the people who serve Him. No matter how godly a person is, we are still human and will always be tragically flawed. So where did David go wrong? First, he got comfortable. He thought he had this king thing figured out. Second, he isolated himself and was no longer with the men who held him accountable. Third, he acted on his own and not under the leadership and guidance of God. We run into the same risks as a church. We saw on Sunday how God works through a crisis for our benefit. As we walk through the valley we are constantly reminded of our dependence on God. We must be intentional to walk through our challenges together, encouraging one another and holding each other accountable. Our next 1000 days are going to be difficult but we will look back and see that God is faithful to his promises. Let's encourage each other to live in faith and not fear.

Things to pray about today:

1. Lord, keep us focused on you and nothing else.
2. God, bring us godly leaders. Especially from the younger generations in our church family.
3. Show us how we can support each other through accountability and encouragement.

Today's Reading - 2 Samuel 5, 7-9, 11-12

Read the passage for today and write down anything that stood out to you. God primarily speaks through His word, so, if something "jumped off the page" that was probably God revealing something to you or to our church family. Write it down!

Pray

Write out your prayer. Or at least the main points. I like to do this section in a different color.

Listen

Take time to listen to what God is saying to you. Check your understanding against the truth of His word. He will never tell you something that contradicts His word. Be sure to listen throughout the day even after you leave the sanctuary. As He speaks, write it down! I like to use a third color for this part

Date: _____

What's on my mind?

Prayer

Today's Scripture

Listen