DAY 5 How Do I Start?



Welcome to day 5 of our 21 days of prayer and fasting! It has been so encouraging to see each other in the sanctuary seeking the Lord together. Psalm 23:5 says, "You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings." As we read more about Moses today, I want you to notice how peculiar chapter 12 seems in the context of the story. As the conflict with Pharaoh comes to a climax God starts talking about a festival to remember something that hasn't happened yet. You can almost feel God's excitement as He seemingly can't wait to talk about he annual victory celebration He has planned. He's already celebrating before the battle is over! God has been looking forward to this day for almost 600 years when He promised Abraham his, "descendants will be strangers in a foreign land, where they will be oppressed as slaves for 400 years. But I (God) will punish the nation that enslaves them, and in the end they will come away with great wealth." Today is an exciting day! God is teaching His children what He has longed to teach them about Himself for centuries. All they have to do is trust Him enough to follow him to victory.

Things to pray about today:

- 1. What does God have planned for our church?
- 2. How is He inviting you to participate?
- 3. What can stop God from achieving His plan for us?
- 4. What can keep you from experiencing the journey?

Today's Reading - Exodus 7-14

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

