

DAY 21 How Do I Start?

Welcome to **the final day** of our 21 days of prayer and fasting! You made it! Well done! But as this phase of our walk with Jesus

comes to an end He is already preparing us for what is coming next. Waking with Jesus is a lifelong process. We rarely, if ever, stay in one place for very long. The same was true for Daniel. As a young man he grew up in Israel and just as he was beginning to get established God sent Him into a foreign country to represent the only true God in a pagan nation. New customs. New laws. New expectations. New pressures. During Daniel's life he would see God lead him through seemingly never-ending change. By the end of his life, God would give Daniel influence, wisdom and stature in three different empires. How did Daniel thrive through so much change? He never took his eyes off God and was always looking for God's activity. He recognized his circumstances were out of his control. But he knew who was in control. Daniel trusted God in all things and his relationship with God overflowed from his heart and became his reputation. Will you help me do the same during the next 1000 days of our journey as a church? Help me keep my focus on Jesus. Encourage me to live out of the strength of my relationship with Jesus and not my own strength. Help me experience peace in the midst of the unknown. Help me be a light in the darkness. Help me to never stray from the truth of His word. Do you know how you can help me in all of these things? You do the same! Focus on Jesus. Encourage others. Live in His peace. Serve Him well. Be the light you're called to be. Stand on His word and trust what He says. In the coming days let's commit to love each other, encourage each other, and pray for each other. Let's be the church family Jesus is leading us to be!

Things to pray about today:

- 1. Jesus, help me. Jesus, help us.
- 2. Jesus, lead me. Jesus, lead us.
- 3. Jesus, bless me. Jesus, bless us.

Today's Reading - Daniel 1-3

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

