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# Monday, March 28th

"For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ..." Philippians 3:18–20

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23

In a culture where living for our desires is exalted as something we deserve, the idea of self denial seems like a wet blanket on our "fun." But what have we sacrificed for all this pleasure? How much of God's peace do we possess? How sensitive are we to His voice and what He cares about? Does our self indulgence leave us satisfied very long before we have to indulge in higher and higher doses to get the same effect? As believers who are formed into the image of Christ, how does all this pleasure seeking accomplish that goal? If we live like the world perpetually seeking pleasure, we are His enemies, not His friends (James 4:1-6). We forfeit knowing His will, sensitivity to His presence, knowledge of and agreement with His word, faith to believe, peace, harmony, and purity in the process. We have exchanged the truth of God for a lie that something could satisfy us better than Him. The fruit of fleshly pursuits—envy, strife, selfish ambition, disorder and evil practice—are visible in almost every church with little difference between the world and Christ's bride. We have forgotten what we are destined for—Heaven. In preparation for the Summit, let us ponder



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3121 High Point Road Greensboro, NC 2740 this week how to deny ourselves, crucify our sinful nature in the power of His Spirit, and follow Him—the source of true joy and lasting satisfaction.

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, we turn to you like the prodigal son wanting to be in Your presence again, to know Your voice like we once did, to experience Your peace in a life giving way. Open our eyes to how to begin this journey in self denial. Show each one what to lay aside in our pursuit of You. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we might have power to crucify our sinful nature that leaves us so empty when we follow its dictates. Thank you for the hope that in doing so, we will see You more clearly and be able to follow You because we again hear Your voice. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Tuesday, March 29th

"Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish..." ...the king again asked, "Queen Esther, what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor with you, Your Majesty, and if it pleases you, grant me my life—this is my petition. And spare my people—this is my request. Esther 4:16, 7:2b-3

"You are slaves to the one you obey — whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness..."Romans 6:16.

God's people have been sold into slavery to sin and destruction by pursuing impurity. Now it is time for leaders and laypeople alike to fast and pray for God to spare His people from this slavery and thank Him for the leaders He is raising up to deliver the church out of this place of misery. Consider a time of fasting and prayer over the next two days for the church, the Set Free Summit, and all who will be impacted by this message of hope.



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3121 High Point Road Greensboro, NC 2740 Let us pray: Father, how gracious You are to extend your scepter to us and be pleased that we have come to You! Thank You for the privilege of speaking to You face to face. Spare Your people from this monster of impurity in Your house. Set the captives free from this oppression and teach us how to live in the liberty You provide. Pour out Your Spirit on all who are in Your church, participating in this Summit, and those who will be impacted by it. Plow up the fallow ground of our hearts and plant Your word on good and noble hearts that it may grow to maturity and bear fruit for Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Wednesday, March 30th

"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity...Gather the people, consecrate the assembly bring together the elders... Let the priests, who minister before the Lord, weep between the portico and the altar. Let them say, "Spare your people, Lord. Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' "Then the Lord was jealous for his land and took pity on his people. Joel 2:12–13, 16a, 17–18

We preach a gospel that Jesus delivers us from all our sins and then live like He has no power to do so. Is it any wonder the world asks if God is real when they see so little of Him in our lives? This is a time to fast and pray as leaders in the body of Christ petitioning God to spare His people and deliver from this destruction of pornography. His arm is not too short to save. He promises to hear if we turn away from going our own way. Let us fast and pray in a manner that pleases Him.

Let us pray: Father, we stand amazed at Your long suffering over us. Your compassion is beyond any human capacity. Thank you for extending your hand to us day after day. What absolute love to want our fellowship after



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3121 High Point Road Greensboro, NC 2740 all we have done! Thank you for Your power to cleanse us of all our sins. Take pity on us, Oh Lord, as we humble ourselves before You this day in fasting, deliver us from this stench of impurity that we may be holy as You are holy. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Thursday, March 31st

"Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead...Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead." Romans 4:18–19a, 20–24

Circumstances are not the always the entire picture of reality. Abraham's situation was hopeless yet he hoped because God had promised. He didn't hide from the facts; He faced them head on but still believed that God's promise trumped what he was experiencing. That kind of faith isn't foolish, it is what righteousness does. It takes what God has spoken, lines up with what we must do to meet the conditions upon which that promise is based, and firmly believes God will do what He has said. It is never presumption to trust Him. Praise the Lord for what He is going to do through this conference to set the captives free. He has said if we will humble ourselves, seek Him with our whole heart, turn from OUR wicked ways, then He will hear from heaven and heal our land. It starts with His call and ends with His power. May God be praised for His power to save.



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# Friday, April 1st

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

We cannot even envision all that God will accomplish in His power at this conference. Our competency to minister is totally from Him (2 Corinthians 3:6). He works through us in His power so that those touched put their trust in the power of God who is the One who really deserves the glory (2 Corinthians 2:4). The number of lives that will be impacted is beyond what we could ask or think or imagine because He is so much bigger than our human comprehension. We have only a glimmer of what is coming, but expect great things.

Let us pray: Father, thank you for all that You have planned and all that You are about to accomplish. We pray for the outpouring of Your power on all involved in making this summit happen. May those touched not put their hope in having wise or persuasive words but rather in Your ability to transform lives. They will need that hope when they return home. May You receive all the glory as the affects of what is done here ripple out all over the world. In Jesus' name, amen.



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### Saturday, April 2nd

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people...Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below...And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Acts 2:17a, 18-19a, 21

God does not differentiate between people. He gives all a chance to experience His life-giving Spirit, especially His servants who minister to others. As these presenters speak His word, may His wonders break forth, resulting in the rescue of many.

Let us pray: Father, thank you for Your Holy Spirit and making that outpouring available to all. We welcome Your Holy Spirit to have rulership at the summit, to make Your glory known throughout the earth. May each one attending and each one facilitating yield to Your every leading. Give us ears to hear You, eyes to see things Your way, minds that understand, and hearts to obey You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

# Sunday, April 3rd

"Then Job replied to the Lord: 'I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted...My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes." "The day for building your walls will come, the day for extending your boundaries." "Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings. Job 42:1-2, 5-6; Micah 7:11; Isaiah 58:12

Let us pray: Father, as this conference gets under way, pour out Your Spirit so that we see You and know that You will be victorious both in our lives and the lives of those we reach. May Your love and holiness be so real to all of us that our natural response at seeing you is repentance.



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3121 High Point Road Greensboro, NC 2740 As cleansed vessels, please use us to rebuild the walls of salvation in your church and set up the gates of praise around Your people. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, send us forth to remove the rubble of sexual immorality has caused and expand Your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' victorious name. So be it!