

Day 44

- Good Morning! So, where we ended yesterday is where I would like to begin today. I trust the LORD that He reminded each of you of what He put inside of you to do, at least in part, while you are here on this earth. I know that He did because He is always faithful; whether we choose to listen, well, that's our part.
- "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break EVERY yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh?" Isaiah 58:6-7.
 - Okay, wow, there is a lot in here. Holy Spirit help us to see all You want us to see today.
 - Now, most of us think of fasting as denying ourselves food, or television, or books, etc. for a period of time. But, there is clearly more to fasting than maybe we have fully realized before. Now, don't get me wrong, I believe in fasting food and such, but what this scripture is saying is that the LORD is saying the type of fasting He is calling us to is to deny ourselves for all of the above.
 - How do we do that? Let's unpack it.
 - "To loose the bonds of wickedness," well, that in itself is vast. That could mean physically through fighting against tyranny, which we are experiencing a lot of today — so maybe, for some of you it is becoming a part of your local school board or running for some other government office. Maybe for others, you have been given a call to intercede for some very specific purpose, like the abolishment of murder of all the babies who are murdered each day as if God did not have plans for them to have a hope and future — or maybe you are called to work with ministries that help prostitutes get off the streets, and for these men and women to realize who they are in Christ. Another way to loose the bonds of wickedness is in doing what I do in these Daily Devotionals, I teach and speak the truths of scripture. For the Word is powerful and can loose every bond of wickedness when we hear it, receive it, and consecrate ourselves to it. And, the list truly goes on.
 - Another form of fasting the LORD calls us to is "to undo the heavy burdens." There are many ways to undo heavy burdens. Personally, for ourselves, if we will truly seek the LORD, read, chew on, and know His perfect Word, this will undo our own heavy burdens. Jesus said, "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Matthew 11:30. And "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:29.
 - Those are promises we should absolutely take for ourselves and live by them. How do we "undo the heavy burdens," of others? Well, we all know people who could use a helping hand with something. Simply, we could help with a tangible need, which would help lift their heavy burden. An idea, maybe you know a single mom or a married mom, who could use a couple of hours of alone time, so you babysit her kids for a bit. Maybe you take it a step further and give her a gift card for a massage and babysit her kids, so she can go have it.
 - Another way to "undo the heavy burdens" is to ask God to lay a person or people on your heart who need heavy burdens lifted, and ask Him how to go about doing that. All God is looking for in us is a willing vessel. Giving of our time, talents, and money to help people is a true fast; but like any sacrifice, it must be offered willingly and with joy, and God gets ALL the credit too! We get to keep the blessing that comes from being a blessing.

- “To let the oppressed go free” — well, this one is very interesting indeed. Are you harboring any unforgiveness? If you have not forgiven the people in your life who have wronged you, you are oppressed. What does oppressed mean — burdened by abuse of power or authority; having excessive or unfair burdens imposed; burdened psychologically or mentally. Remember, I told you satan is a legal devil, and he loves to jump all over this one, legally. Interesting that the word “burden” is in the definition of oppressed. So, if we don’t forgive others and ourself, it will lead to heavy burdens upon our lives, and eventually it will lead to oppression, which often manifests in our lives as depression, suicide, and or suicidal thoughts. Some polls show that more than 37 million Americans take antidepressants.
- Now, I am not saying any of this to condemn! Absolutely not, on the contrary. As Jesus’ Bride, we have the power to “let the oppressed go free.” In many of these people’s lives, they need in person prayer, so they can have the burden of oppression lifted off of them, then they need Holy Spirit insight into the root cause of the oppression in the first place, which as I stated above, often stems from unforgiveness. Somewhere these people or we have sowed seed that lead to the harvest of oppression, depression, etc. After they or we know the root cause of the harvest of oppression/depression, we can, with Jesus blood, destroy it, cover it, and now we are able to speak good words into that new soil. Always fill that soil with good, God seeds from scripture. We don’t want the enemy to have any room to sow bad seed back in, and also, we must guard our mouths from speak those bad seeds once again, and we need to be quick to forgive, so bad seeds don’t take root and grow a harvest of oppression/ depression as well.
- I believe in complete healing and deliverance by the power of God Himself. Why? Because, not only was it prophesied in Isaiah 61:1-2, but Jesus consecrated Himself to that prophecy and proclaimed it for all of Creation to hear when He read it in the synagogue in Luke 4:18.
- “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”
- Boom!! There it is!
- Now, you may be asking me, “Heidi, is it wrong of me to take medication to help me?” My answer, no; But if you want to be set free, He can and will set you free. Many of you may be rolling your eyes or even saying not nice things at me in this moment. But, listen, please. This is not a guilt message. It isn’t. It is an amazingly freeing TRUTH message. This power is available to each one of us.
- But our faith only has the power to call these things into today as to the level of personal revelation we have regarding healing and deliverance.
- Meaning, if I have experienced God’s healing every time I have prayed for my own headaches to disappear and the headaches of others to disappear, I have had a revelation that God can indeed heal headaches. My faith has grown to that point regarding healing. And because of that measure of faith, when I pray for someone to be healed of headaches, they will most likely be completely healed.
- I have personally been brought back to life by the power of God Himself. Now, I know God can raise people from the dead, not only because I have read it and heard it through scripture, but I have also witnessed it through my own experience. Have I laid hands on someone and seen them raised from the dead? Not YET. But I have had the revelation, and right here and now, I am stating before all of you, LORD, I consecrate myself to the revelation of raising the dead,

in Jesus Name, and I ask for You to raise my faith to the level of that revelation, and I trust You to do it. How does our faith grow?

- "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17.
 - So, your faith just grew some because you have heard me teach on it, and "faith comes by hearing," and "hearing by the word of God." I just told you above in Luke 4:18 that Jesus was given the authority and anointing to do all things.
 - How do we know that we have it? Well, get ready to have Romans 10:17 play out in your life.
 - Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes [has faith] in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." John 14:12.
 - I absolutely love this verse, and LORD, I consecrate myself to this verse too.
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- Some of you may think I have taken these scriptures too far, but OH, I haven't taken them far enough. We have just had a wrong belief vomited on us by the enemy of our souls, satan, that God isn't absolutely good, but we KNOW God is Absolutely Good. We consecrated ourselves to that the very first day of this devotional. And if you didn't start at the beginning, I encourage you to do so. And if you didn't consecrate yourself in the beginning to God is Absolutely Good, I encourage you to do it right now, so you can unlock all the amazing gifts of God in your life. In standing on that truth, it opens the door for every single scripture promise to be fulfilled in our lives, even raising the dead.
 - I will leave you with one more faith builder for today. A few weeks ago, I was starting to walk down our driveway to get the mail. The LORD had me take notice of our cedar tree. I had noticed it had several dead parts before this moment, and it had saddened me because I love that tree. The LORD, in that moment, reminded me of all the faith building that had happened in my life. He said to my spirit, "If Adam had dominion and authority over all living things, and Jesus restored that to you at the cross, then lay hands on that tree and command life to come back into it." I could literally feel the move of Holy Spirit in my actions to do so, of course my faith had been strengthened for this moment in time early, when I laid my hands on my cat's broken leg, and God healed her. So, I walked over to the tree, laid hands on it, and commanded life to come back to all the dead places of the tree, and I blessed the tree in Jesus Name.
 - I went along my way, and a couple weeks passed, and I had completely forgotten my prayer and declaration. I was doing dishes, and the LORD encouraged me to look up and out the window at that tree. My response, "Oh, look at that." I wasn't shocked by it, nor did I start shouting about it. It was a matter-of-fact in my being. I said, "Thank You, LORD. I give You all the praise and glory for the life of that tree."
 - Yep, the tree was completely restored!! And it still is right now!
 - Grow faith grow!! LORD, grow their faith as they have heard about faith, and they have received the Word of faith right here that I have spoken to them from scripture.
 - I speak the blessing of the LORD over you, that you will step out in a brand new faith way for you, and that you will consecrate yourself to that new faith revelation, so the enemy can't come in and steal it. That's what he does; he is a thief. When we consecrate ourselves to new revelation, satan cannot take it from us.
 - Until tomorrow, as my mom always said to me growing up, walk with the King of kings, and be a blessing!