

SERMON NOTES

January 7, 2018

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- ④ Children's Ministry
- ⑤ Social Media Director
- ⑥ A Christmas offering for a missionary family

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Isaiah 58:5-8 *Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶ "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?"*

☺ Purpose: Spiritual growth, to live Holy lives, to break Strongholds, overcome Temptations, defeat ???, etc.

- ② Deepen our commitment to _____ God's Word

- This goal challenges us to ask this question, "Am I living what I am learning in the Bible?"

James 1:19-25 *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.*

☺ Purpose: To hear the word of God fresh & new while committing to living God's Word no matter how I feel about it.

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- Expand our outreach by reaching specific people groups.

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④ Read two _____ books in 2018

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☺ Purpose: To become Christians who live by the Spirit, are able to digest Spiritual Meat, to become teachers of the Word.

⑤ Strengthen _____

- Help good marriages get better. Help struggling marriages get healthy.

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