



**21 DAYS**  
OF HUNGER

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# When Jesus Fasted

Luke 4





## Luke 4:

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry. 3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." 4 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'"

# What is fasting?

- Many see a “denial”, trial...
- Can we see it as a passion?
- A response to God’s desire for us?
- Remember when...
- Love creates a new “normal”



# Consider Jesus...

- Starting His ministry
- Already “FULL of the HS” ...
  - Why fast?
  - He was God, what need?
  - Temptation? Satan? NO...



# Led by the Spirit!

- Fullness leaks out in leading!
  - Abram, David, Ruth, Mary, Paul, us!
  - NOT our choice, but HIS leading!
  - Does God know what is best???
  - Why go into the wilderness... with who?



"Spiritual Christians  
look upon the world  
not as a  
playground  
but as a  
battleground."

- A. W. Tozer

# Who is after who?

- We see Jesus and Satan...
- What about Jesus and FATHER!!!
- Hunger makes us sensitive to God
- Giver, Provider, Sustainer, Bread





# HUNGER

Matt 5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Ps 42:1 As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants for You, O God.2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; When shall I come and appear before God?

Ps 63:1 O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Ps 84:2 My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

# Key thoughts:

- You can be “full” and still hunger!
- Satan will attack who you are
- “talk to stones, not God!”
- Scripture response!
- Fasting brings focus!



Dr. Daniel Steele says, “ Soon after Dr. Finney’s conversion he received a wonderful baptism of the Spirit which was followed by marvelous effects. His words uttered in private conversation, and forgotten by himself, fell like live coals on the hearts of men, and awakened a sense of guilt which would not let them rest till the blood of sprinkling was applied. At his presence, before he opened his lips, the operatives in a mill began to fall on their knees and cry for mercy, smitten by the invisible currents of Divine power which went forth from him. When, like a flame of fire, he was traversing western and central New York, he came to the village of Rome in a time of spiritual slumber. He had not been in the house of the pastor an hour before he had conversed with all the family, the pastor, children, boarders, and servants, and brought them all to their knees seeking pardon, or the fullness of the Spirit. In a few days almost every man and woman in the village and vicinity was converted, and the work ceased from lack of material to transform, and the evangelist passed on to other fields, to behold new triumphs of the gospel through his instrumentality.” (Lightning Flashes.) From BI Luke 4:14

# God's Goals

- Luke 4:14 And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit...
- From “full” to “POWER”...
- God needed to spend TIME with God!
- How much more do we?

