

Tomorrow night starts a special month and time to specifically seek the LORD



My heart has heard You say, “Come and talk with me.” And my heart responds, “YHWH, I am coming.” Psalm 27:8

## Quitting the Prayer Meeting

Yesterday I showed up uninspired to a pastor's prayer meeting with the intention of "enduring" the meeting and then telling the main leader that I was quitting our part of the prayer chain for the future. It wasn't that I didn't believe in what they were doing, I just was discouraged and doubted my ability to effectively lead our portion of the time. Surprisingly (to me) God has a sense of humor and had different plans for me other than what I initially wanted.

As I listened to the speaker share of his own struggle and God's call to him at the zenith of his own weakness and pain, I felt Yah's Spirit gently warming me and not only not letting me quit but

tenderly re-calling me to the task of encouraging myself and others to the place of prayer. It was not a pep rally type of hype and emotionalism but something deeper and more sustaining.

Encountering Yeshua in the place of prayer is the wisest and ultimately most fruitful pursuit we can have. This is the best way to prepare for the fall festivals. Tomorrow night at sundown the month of Elul starts which marks the beginning of the thirty days before the Feast of Trumpets. We as elders feel called to issue an invitation to the Lighthouse family and anyone who wants to join us to seek YHWH wholeheartedly for the 21 days leading up to the Feast of Trumpets. This will start next Saturday evening (September 3rd) at sundown and go through Sunday September 25.

There are four parts of the invitation for these 21 days starting in a little over a week. Though I would encourage each person to join in every part of the time, each person can seek Yah as to what that would look like for them. More specifics are forthcoming, but here are the basic logistics:

1. A Daniel fast and media fast: Basically a call to fruits, vegetables, and basic grains. No meat, dairy, sweets or non-water drinks. The media fast would preclude facebook, movies, sports, or nonspiritual media.
2. One hour prayer each day - We will endeavor to have a 24/7 21-day prayer chain where a participating person signs up for an hour per day to join in praying to grow in the first commandment as well as for the needs of our families, our congregation, our state, and our nation.
3. One corporate prayer meeting a week - we will have our regular daily zoom prayer meetings as well as four special

Saturday evening congregational half nights of prayer in the month of September.

4. Procuring and reading the book *When People Pray* by Brian Alarid. We will go through this book as a community in the days leading up to the fall festivals. Brian was the speaker yesterday who so moved me as I listened to him. His book is one of the best books I've read on prayer and will encourage us as to the why behind the what. For kindle people, you can order the book right away and for those who want a physical copy, I will procure books that will be available at next Saturday's service. For anyone with a financial hardship who wants a book, we will reimburse you for it or provide a copy of this for free for you.

I believe this is a good and right season to prepare ourselves to seek YHWH. I believe He is our primary reward and that He has good things for us as we seek Him. I hope that you are growing in your excitement to see what He will do in this season as we seek Him more wholeheartedly.