Day 21 With Insight

A new movement called "prayer walking" has developed in modern Christianity. This is praying on-site with in-sight. This means you will pray more seriously when you actually see your problem with your eyes than when you think about it or even when you try to see it in your mind.

When you stand in a place of need, you will pray with more heed.

Actually, prayer walking was practiced in Scripture. God told Abraham to walk through the land that He—the Lord God—was going to give him (see Gen. 13:17). Also, God instructed Joshua to walk around the city of Jericho once each day for seven days, then seven times on the seventh day. Also, Joshua was told to walk throughout the land that he was going to conquer (see Josh. 1:3-9).

Ezra brought the people face-to-face with their problems, that is, to the banks of the Ahava River before they launched out into the desert. Perhaps after staring at the desert for three days, the people were more challenged to fast and pray. "Beside the Ahava River, I asked the people to go without eating and to pray" (Ezra 8:21, *CEV*).

I have over 700 pictures of people in my Bible class that I teach each Sunday at my church. It's much easier to pray for them when I see them by picture and I hold the picture up to God as I hold them up in prayer.

If you're praying for your city elections, go to city hall and sit across the street to pray. Do the same with the state legislative buildings, or national capitol, or even the White House; not to picket, not to call attention to yourself but to call on God. Praying on-site demonstrates your sincerity and God rewards your total commitment to Him. – by Elmer Towns©

-My Time to Pray-

- Lord, I will fill my mind with the focus of my prayer. Hear and answer.
- Lord, I will prayer-walk in my mind about the places for which I'm praying.
- Lord, I pray for a miracle in the coming elections.

Day 22 Keep Fasting

Why are we praying and fasting for 40 days? That's a long time. First, realize how serious our fasting goal is. Since it's an extremely imperative goal, America could lose everything in this election. You want to spend as much time in prayer as possible. Sometimes God doesn't respond to a quickly breathed prayer when we squeeze Him into our otherwise busy schedule.

God heard the desperate prayer of Peter who began to sink beneath the storm's waves. His prayer for help was filled with panic because the situation was life threatening. Obviously, a quickly breathed prayer is effective, but we probably need to pray longer over hard-to-solve problems. Why? Because it takes a longer time to solve some problems. So ask yourself, *How serious is this problem about which we're praying?*

Your prayer will grow in intensity as the fast time unrolls. You'll develop more faith with time. The closer to the finish line, the more your adrenaline begins to flow and you give it a "kick" to finish the race.

You didn't vow this pledge to a group or to a church. Your faith pledge was made to God. Don't you think God knew the success of the project before you made your pledge? Then keep fasting to please God.

There's another reason you need time to fast. It takes time for your faith to grow. The more you pray about a project, the sharper your faith will become.

So a lengthy time of fasting and prayer will focus the goal in your heart and you'll feel a growing burden. It may take time for God to show you the importance of the goal. Keep praying and fasting. – by Elmer Towns©

-My Time to Pray-

- Lord, open my spiritual eyes progressively throughout this fast so that I may know You better at the end than I did at the beginning.
- Lord, give me a resolute heart to pray continually and sincerely.
- Lord, I vow not to give up until the end of this fast. Amen.