

# MAKING ROOM *for His Presence*

21 - DAY COMMUNITY FAST  
DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



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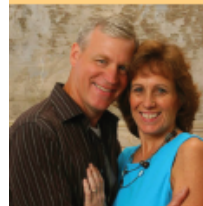
## PURSuing A GOD-CENTERED COMMUNITY

If we long for our communities to see the tangible presence of God permeate our cities and bring lasting transformation, we must prepare the way through personal consecration. The key essentials of humility, holiness, and unity must take root in our hearts personally before we can apprehend them corporately. This 21-Day Prayer Guide provides not only biblical admonitions and practical prayer points, but guides participants through an entire 21-Day experience as a community of believers that will make way for God's presence to come and dwell.

*The 21-Day experience was a powerful beginning to a movement... It pulled the entire community of church together for one central purpose. —Mike Hofmann, participant*

*This booklet is a powerful companion to a 21-Day Fast. It helped us connect with God more deeply. —Dan Donnelly, participant*

*Our nation is in desperate need of cities where the transforming presence of God is invited and realized. This resource will help prepare hungry hearts to pursue this reality. —David Kubal, President and CEO of Intercessors for America*



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## WEEK ONE HUMILITY VERSUS PRIDE

Day 1: Humility Defined

Day 2: Living Low

Day 3: Succeeding With Grace

Day 4: The Joy of Correction

Day 5: Letting Holy Spirit Do His Job

Day 6: Comparisons Prohibited

Day 7: Who Am I?



## DAY 1: HUMILITY DEFINED

*“And what does the LORD require of you; but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8).*

Humility is not so much defined in the Bible as it is demonstrated by the One who is humble. Humility is a central character trait of God as seen through Jesus Christ. The Old Testament word translated humility means “gentleness” and “helper.” The New Testament word for humility means “lowly in mind or position.” Humility is serving others as unto the Lord.

Pride is self-focused and self-absorbed. It presumes to know, better than God, how to follow His Word. We can fall into this trap by thinking we can find a different way and still achieve the same results on our own. Human beings are born with the root of pride in their lives. Jesus, however, was born with the root of humility in his life. Becoming born again removes the root (nature) of pride and plants within us the root (nature) of humility. Renewing the mind is a must in order to conquer pride’s residue and embrace the full benefits of humility.

Jesus rarely told people who He was, but rather served them, taught them, and showed them God’s love. He veiled his title to promote His Father! Humble people have surrendered their wills to God regardless of cost. Humble people will not explain away God’s Word when it goes contrary to personal convenience. Humble people will not listen to the voice of man, over the voice of God’s word.

### PERSONAL ACTION POINTS

- Is title important to you?
- Is being recognized flattering—or not being recognized shattering?
- Do you serve others regardless of acknowledgement or praise?
- Confess any self-interest and ask the Lord for a clean heart and pure motives.

### CORPORATE ACTION POINTS

- Confess any need for recognition as a ministry or congregation.
- Confess any fear of man you may be harboring.
- Ask for a greater fear of the Lord.
- Pray for a greater desire to serve than to be served.

## WEEK TWO

### HOLINESS VERSUS IDOLATRY

Day 8: Holiness Defined

Day 9: Living Pure in an Unclean World

Day 10: The Safest Place to Be

Day 11: Face Time with God

Day 12: Politically Correct or Biblically True?

Day 13: Holy and Happy

Day 14: No Holiness, No Presence



## DAY 14: NO HOLINESS, NO PRESENCE

*“Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14).*

There is a troubling tendency in the Body of Christ today to believe that if we just have enough passion and prayer, we will experience the fullness of God’s manifest presence. Though there may be isolated testimonies of such occurrences, they usually don’t last over the long-haul. Scripture is clear that if we want to see God, we must be holy.

Previous spiritual awakenings have taught us that if we are not walking in purity of heart, integrity and right relationships, we will not be able to maintain His presence, no matter how powerful or anointed it seems. This is true at every level, starting at home and in our congregations. As we pursue more of His presence, we must also pursue holiness.

God doesn’t just want to come for a short while; He wants to stay. That requires a holy people who can steward His presence and all that He wants to pour out. It will require people who have proven themselves faithful to His Word and heart and are ready to carry His presence with humility, grace and wisdom.

Passion and vision may be the initiators of this journey to transformation, but it’s living a holy life that will ultimately determine whether or not we can rightly steward a supernatural outpouring.

### PERSONAL ACTION POINTS

- Are you committed to embracing holiness as a lifestyle, not just a doctrine?
- Confess any tendency to want a quick fix rather than pursue a daily walk of integrity, purity and right relationships.

### CORPORATE ACTION POINTS

- Does our corporate worship reflect holiness as much as zeal and passion?
- Confess ways in which we have tried to take shortcuts to spiritual awakening. Repent of any belief system which has placed temporary spiritual experiences above a life of daily devotion.

## WEEK THREE

### UNITY VERSUS DIVISION

Day 15: Unity Defined

Day 16: The High Call of Honor

Day 17: The Value of Each Other

Day 18: To Whom or To What are We Bound?

Day 19: Living Unoffendable

Day 20: The Call for Critical Care

Day 21: You Must Be Present to Win



## DAY 19: LIVING UNOFFENDABLE

*“He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends” (Proverbs 17:9 NIV).*

One of the greatest obstacles to community transformation is carrying internal offenses. James 4:1-4 describes quarrels and fights as a product of self-centered thinking. Jesus, full of heaven’s power, was limited in healings and miracles in his own home town because the people were offended at him (Mark 6:3-6). Solomon writes in Proverbs 18:19 that it’s easier to capture a barricaded city than to reason with an offended person.

Taking an offense is a matter of our choice. It’s not put upon us. However, we can live unoffendable lives just as Jesus did. 1 Peter 2:23 states: “When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.”

Offenses come to us in three categories:

- Direct (from one to another)
- Indirect (someone else’s offense we hear about second-hand)
- Corporate (everyone in the whole organization or church “did me wrong”)

The way out is forgiveness! Forgive the person and what they did to offend you. Holding onto the offense only keeps you in bondage (John 20:23). When you forgive, you get free from the offense and you walk lighter, think clearer, and are empowered to be victorious in other areas. Determine to not get trapped by offense and live unoffendable.

### PERSONAL ACTION POINTS

- Is there someone who has offended you?
- Choose to forgive and seek out reconciliation, not pursue who is “right.”
- If you have taken an indirect offense, forgive and release the situation to the Lord.

### CORPORATE ACTION POINTS

- Repent of any ways bitterness has taken root because of past offenses.
- Ask the Lord for a new heart and new perspective to start building and strengthening relationships at home and in the church.
- Pray grace on leaders who deal with conflicts on a regular basis.