

## **H.O.P.E.'s House Christian Ministries** **Annual Consecration & Fast**

We the leadership of H.O.P.E.'s House Christian Church are embarking on a **Consecration and Fast** for the period beginning Friday, January 5, through Friday, January 19, 2017. We will end the fast together on Vision Day January 20<sup>th</sup>!

We are encouraging you join us for the entire 14 days or some portion of it, as we intend to start the year out with our ears in tune with the Spirit of God and seeking His wisdom and direction. We plan to do this by intensely devoting ourselves and our time to the Lord for these 14 days and putting aside those things that distract us from His presence.

We will fast during this time-frame in a manner that best lines up with our maturity and growth in the Lord individually, and we purpose to study God's word in the times we would normally be eating and to spend more time in prayer, praise and worship individually and together with others in the Body of Christ.

We believe this time of consecration will be a catalyst to lift us into a season of personal and corporate growth.

### **Consecration**

The devoting or setting apart of anything to the worship or service of God... sanctification.

### **Fasting**

To abstain from food, to eat little or abstain from certain foods, especially as a religious discipline a period of such abstention or self-denial.

### **Goal:**

To hear Him regarding those things that we need direction on at this time in our lives individually and collectively, to draw closer to him and to arrest our appetite for worldly things, and to experience Him in a deeper measure than we did in 2017.

### **Types of Fasts:**

- **Complete** – Water only Luke 4:2 (We do not recommend this for the entire time)
- **Daniel Fast** –Daniel 1:8-16 and Daniel 10:1-21 – abstaining from all choice or pleasant foods and or eating only fruits and vegetables and water (no teas, coffee or juices).

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- **Partial Fast** – Fasting for some portion of the day... say from 6am – 6pm or from midnight to 6:00 pm.
- **Fasting from other things:** Fasting is often seen as abstinence from some form of gratification, for a period of time, in order to achieve a greater spiritual purpose. **However, fasting in the Bible involves setting aside food.** For some to fast is not just abstaining from food, but from anything that hinders our communion from God or it is just a means to practice self-denial and It is true that there are many things besides food that may hinder our communion with God. But “to fast” means primarily “not to eat.” **Consecration** is where self-denial in other areas comes in and the focus of our time and attention is to God instead of the normal activities that consume our mind, emotions and appetite. So if you need to fast from T.V., Music (Christian and Secular), Movies, dating, sex (this is a must if you are not married), video games, texting, talking on the phone, InstaGram, Facebook, twitter etc., let God give you direction for your personal life. Be faithful to what He says and not in comparison to others.

As your pastors we are praying for your victory, deliverance, peace and answered prayers as you seek His face and wisdom. Attached is a daily prayer focus for the church and additional times of prayer and worship will be announced via the website and in service.

In His Service,

Pastor Chuck, Pastor Dre,

**Please note: As with all dietary modifications, if there are health issues or concerns, please consult your physician prior to beginning a fasting/consecration regimen.**

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**DAILY PRAYER FOCUS**

- January 5, 2018  
Vision for 2013 individually and as a church body
- January 6, 2018  
For grace to repent and obey the Lord's voice daily!
- January 7, 2018  
Word time, Prayer life, worship and intimacy with the Lord
- January 8, 2018  
Provision for the things that we need to accomplish His will
- January 9, 2018  
Healing for those suffering from any sickness (mental, physical or emotional)
- January 10, 2018  
Restoration of relationships (family and friends)
- January 11, 2018  
Marriages (those already married, engaged and desiring a spouse)
- January 12, 2018  
Children (your own, godchildren, friend's children, grand-children etc.)
- January 13, 2018  
Wisdom on how to accomplish what the Lord says to do
- January 14, 2018  
Forgiveness from all we have offended & for those who have offended us
- January 15, 2018  
Our service to the Lord through the church body and faithfulness
- January 16, 2018  
For the community we are to serve, the homeless and those in shelters
- January 17, 2018  
For our Pastors and their families, provision, and safety
- January 18, 2018  
For the calling on our lives and the character to be trusted to fulfill it
- January 19, 2018  
For the lost and un-churched that we have a heart to reach them

**Thank you for your investment in yourselves and this house!**