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The Daniel Fast

Thank you Abi. That's my sister, my little sister. She used to be really cute now she's really cute and anointed. And then my wife was up here singing this morning and then my cousin, Andy Hailstone was singing this morning and we are all just one spiritual family in Christ. So, we're doing the stuff. We're all doing the stuff together.

Well, I'll be talking about the fast this morning. The only thing harder than fasting is looking at your family and telling them, "We're all going to fast together."

Daniel chapter 9, you can turn there in your Bible. I am so touched and blessed to be part of this spiritual family. This morning, several times, I was just weeping, just grateful, just thankful that we get to do this all together and we get to see a city and place where Jesus is worshiped day and night without ceasing for 20 years. We get to live here. We get to work here. We get to raise our children here, go to the prayer room, it's always open. Midnight, wake up, go to the prayer room. Turn it on, you're out of town, connect in. What a place. What a time to be here and be a part of this spiritual family. I am so thankful. I really could cry, standing here in front of you, over the lives and the individuals that the Lord has sent here over the years, amazing people. People of nobility, people of all spheres of the marketplace, work, ministry, family, children that have given their lives to this. I mean I am so struck at how the Lord, I am gonna talk about this a little bit this morning, but how the Lord has called people here from all over. Every few of you are actually from Kansas City. There is only a handful. What is happening here, that the Lord is sounding an alarm and calling you here and then what are we supposed to do once we get here? You know?

So, we're calling the community, everyone that wants to, and there's no shame in however you want to participate in this, but this 21 day, we're calling it "Daniel Fast" which is quite merciful of the Lord that he didn't say "40 day water fast." Because a Daniel fast you can at least smile during part of it and you can get off your couch and get the kids some food and go to work and go do your ministry assignment, whatever it is that the Lord has you do.

A friend of mine was on a 40 day fast. He did two 40 day fasts during our internship which is pretty wild and he would get so weak during the 40 day fast that these girls decided to come and prank our guys' house when we weren't there. And he was the only one there because he couldn't get up, he just lay on the couch for like the last seven days to complete his 40 day fast. And these girls get real mad at us and they're like, "We're gonna go prank the guys' house." And somehow they get a key to our apartment, open the door, kick it open and they're just taking all of our stuff and throwing it off the balcony outside, very naughty. And my friend, you know, we're all at the prayer room just thinking everything is cool. And my friend, he's laying there and he doesn't have any strength and when we were talking to him later, we're going, "Did you stop them? Did you say anything?" And he's just laying there and he's just like, "I tried."

We are like, "Well, what did you do?"

He's like, "I was just telling them to stop. Stop doing that. I don't even think they could hear me."

Honestly, they were so mad they took all of our stuff, our sheets, our light bulbs, our alarm clocks, our pots and pans and threw it off the balcony. And those were just some wild times.

But if we were on a Daniel fast that wouldn't have happened. You know? That's the moral of the story right there. You get a little brown rice in you, you're like, "I don't think so."

Oh man! So the fast is going to begin on August the 26th and gonna go till September the 16th. And we are going to have corporate touch points throughout the week. Come to as many or as few as you want to or would like to. We are calling people to join together at the 10 AM's and the 8 PM's, Monday through Friday, (we will post all this information so that it is easy to find) and then the 6 PM on Saturday and then the 4 PM on Sunday. And so those are just some of the corporate touch points throughout the week and Mike is going to be sharing the prophetic history as he talked about this morning and just revisiting some of those stories. That will be time also to just re-envision for the fast and connect together for those who will be coming to those nights. They are open to everybody on those Friday nights. So I am just expectant. I just feel that the Lord has us in a sweet season. We're coming up on our 20 years anniversary, 20 years of night and day prayer and I believe that this fast that we are going to enter into is really going to be catalytic in catapulting us into that next season that the Lord has for us.

You know, we have been talking about the reset. And you know, that came up the end of last year, the One Thing Conference and the Reset. We've done some things organizationally to reset and some things relationally to reset but we haven't yet done the reset in the way that IHOP knows how, a long corporate fast. And I am looking forward to it. I am calling this fast the 'reset your story' fast.

That's what I am going to be talking about this morning, reset your story.

We're gonna look at just during this season just asking the Lord, "Lord, why did you send me here?" And not just why but, "What have you called me to do?" Because we have so many diverse lives and stories and narratives and jobs and occupations and ministry assignments and all these different things. We are like this huge melting pot. I have never been in a place with more gifted, anointed, zealous people that all had an angel visit them in my life. It's crazy.

If you talked to people around here, start asking them their story, it's like every person had some divine assignment that they are on. Some angel came, some dream, some heart tug, their kid got baptized in the Holy Spirit at a summer camp and they moved here. And they are like, "We got to raise our kids here." I mean there are so many of those stories happening in our midst and I am looking around just going, "Lord, where else would I want to be? This is amazing what You're doing here." And I feel like that we are in a time to reset, not just organizationally, and you know, our structures, and all that kind of stuff. We are still in the process of doing all of that, but we are just in a reset of coming together as the people of God, the ones that He really

loves and enjoys. I mean He loves and enjoys everybody but we can say we're His favorites. And coming before Him and just saying, "Lord, Lord, remind me again of why You brought me here. Remind me of why you've brought my family here. What is it about this that I am supposed to do and how to respond?"

One of the things that has been striking me is there are corporate anointing and graces upon different people, different ministries and different streams all in the body. And one of the glories that we have isn't going with streams better than this stream or this thing, "You guys do the outreach, we're the prayer people, but you guys do the this and the spiritual warfare people are over here." But we all get to celebrate and own it together as the body of Christ.

But one of the unique dynamics is that the Lord has given us a real grace to fast and pray together. And it's a grace by the Holy Spirit, it's not easy. If you have ever tried to fast and pray you know, or you enter into the grace of God, you know that it's not easy. The grace of God is not to make things easy. If prayer and fasting and the kingdom, the Sermon the Mount was easy we wouldn't need the grace of God to do it. But the Lord goes, "If I told you to do something, if I commanded you to do it." Let's say it's that strong, you can be sure that the Lord will give you the grace to fully walk it out. And that's why I am so encouraged in light of the season and in light of the fast because Lord, if You're calling us to be this fasting and praying people, a people of prayer, if You're calling us to do that, You're gonna give us the grace to do it.

And the grace doesn't make it just easy and, you know, cream and icicle popsicles all the time. It doesn't make it that, it makes it doable. We can actually do it. And think about this. You know the Lord has emphasized in our midst for years the First Commandment to be in first place, to love the Lord your God with all your heart strength and mind. You know and to really give yourself Him and be in intimate fellowship with Christ and have all of your life, all of your resources, your time and money and relationships and everything focused all on Him as this offering to Him.

And I read that verse so many times and thought about that and felt the pain and how short I'm coming. How many of you have felt that before, the pain of coming short in the first and the greatest commandment. And yet, the Lord goes, "If I've told you to do it, if I've written it in my word and I've emphasized it in your midst, you can be sure that I will release the grace to actually walk it in."

Do you know there's a day coming where this people is gonna walk in such an anointing of the first commandment in the first place, I think was are already walking into a measure, but I am looking at our kids that are coming up behind us, I'm looking at the 12 year olds, the 6 year olds that are behind us, what grace of God are they going to walk in in regard to the first commandment when they're 30, 40, 50 years old? You know? Should the Lord tarry. This is an exciting time. This is an exciting time.

So, we're gonna reset the way that we know how. The 21 day Daniel fast. You know, Daniel in Daniel chapter 9, if you are looking there in your Bible, Daniel in Daniel chapter 9, he does this remarkable thing. He understands by the books the season that he is in and the season that the people of God are in. He is listening. He is observing. He is a watcher. He's watching and

waiting upon the Lord and in Daniel 9, it says that he observed by the books of Jeremiah, meaning that he is studying and meditating upon the prophet Jeremiah's writings and he says, "The seventy years of captivity are up. Glory to God."

Now he could have done what many do in the charismatic kind of prophetic circles, "Well bless God. Let's have a big conference and just get out the worship team and high praises and the promises are here. The 70 years are up." But I am struck by Daniel's response as he sees the prophetic story of what's unfolding around him and his response in light of that.

This is what Daniel does. He doesn't take promises, prophetic promises for granted. He doesn't take them for granted. He doesn't expect them to be like a trap and a snare that just suddenly just happen, just kind of haphazardly going through life, no he sets his face, in verse 3 before the Lord. He begins to seek the Lord and he begins to say, "Lord if these things are true, would you do them."

See, there's a partnership that we play in the stories as they unfold. You're in partnership with God as your prophetic story unfolds and as our corporate prophetic story unfolds right before our eyes. There's a partnership, there's a part that we play in it. That's what He wanted the whole time. He wanted the partnership. He wants fellowship and intimacy with His people. He wants us to dig in with Him and enjoy Him and watch the story unfold as our hearts are wound. That's what He's after the whole time. He's not just about sending comets in the sky and promises about Arrowhead and stadium Christianity an all the exciting things. That's not the point.

The point is, He goes, "I want my people to lean into Me and not give up. I want the one that are discouraged to be reminded of what I'm doing in their midst, that I've called them and chosen them and I've sent them here for a reason and that main reason is to know Me."

When all the revivals are over, when the stadiums, you know they come in and shut it down, whatever happens, but when that all happens then what? What happens? What is God after? He's after the heart of His people being fully joined to His. That's the reason He does it, that's the reason that the signs and the wonders and the miracles and the prophetic story of the prophets and comet and fasts and Daniel and the angle Gabriel and all of it is because He's going, "I want you to listen because I'm trying to do this with your heart."

Brother Dan Bohi was preaching the other night. I want to encourage you to listen to those messages. He wants this with us. Daniel says in verse 3, "He set his face," and I love the way that the NASB says this phrase, he says, "I gave my attention to the Lord." So that we as the people of God are to look up and we see the promises and we also see the problems. Don't we? It's easy to see the problems. Harder sometimes to remember the promises but in front of us are the problems and the promises and Daniel says, "I gave my attention to the Lord. I didn't just look at the promises and get excited. I didn't just look at the problems and get discouraged." But he says, "I lift my gaze up to God and I give Him my attention."

Right now we are confronted with mountains of problems, aren't we? You have mountains of problems in your life. There are mountains of problems that are standing in the way of God's

people in this city. There are problems; there are also mountains of promises, things that have not yet happened that God has ordained, they will happen in this city.

But yet, in light of all that we can fixate on the promises, we can fixate on the problems, we can give all out emotions there and yet Daniel goes, "Set your face upon God. Lift your eyes to Him. Lift your gaze to Him."

The people of God are called to understand the times and respond appropriately when God is moving in our midst. I love what the palmist says in Palm 121, verses 1 and 2 he says, "I lift my eyes up to the hills from whence comes my help." My help or the answer comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. See he was always after us lifting our eyes up and joining ourselves to Him, that's what He wanted the whole time. He wants the eye contact of His people. He wants the affection of His people so there's problems and there's promises and they are boiling pots that are boiling over and what He is trying to do is He's trying to lift up our eyes that we look up at Him and we fixate upon Him and we go, "Oh, oh yeah, this was all about You. This wasn't about me and having the job I wanted and marriage I wanted the family I wanted and the business I wanted and the ministry I wanted and the opportunities I wanted. This wasn't about that the whole time. You plucked me up from South Dakota and sent me here. You plucked my family up from Europe and sent them here. You plucked them up from California and You sent them here." Because He wanted this, He wanted eye contact. He wants the heart of His people to turn toward Him.

So the problems and the promises are the hills that drive us and the Psalmist says, "Just look up. Look beyond all those things and remember what this is truly about."

I want to highlight just some of the key events, even from the last year because I believe that we're in a unique season as a people. And I don't know what's gonna happen next. That's kind of the fun part. We are all on this adventure. You know and some of these things I feel are drawing are attention back to Him. Not just to the stories, not just to prophetic things that are unfolding, not just to the promises of power and signs and wonders and but to hear the underlying important truth. Why did God say those things? Why did he send prophets into our midst? Why did He send angels and dreams and families into our midst? Because He is after something.

Well, last September there were a thousand Chinese leaders that came from all around the nation and packed out this room for a few days. You remember it. The Homecoming team came here for the convergence. Now I haven't been in ministry very long and I don't know very much but it's really weird to get a thousand Chinese leaders all into one room without trying to make it happen. They called us. You know, remember the story, but they called us and said, "We want to come there form all over the world, mostly from Mainland China, we want to come there and we just want to do family with you and hang out with you guys."

Now if you've been around the block for a minute you know that's some weird stuff you can't make happen. Nobody wants to do that. Imagine a thousand of us being like, "We're going all to Shanghai. We're gonna call them up. We're gonna pay our own way. We don't have money to

pay our own way. We're gonna buy our own air tickets. We're gonna find our own housing. We just got to go find some people and go hear their stories and be family with them."

Y'all. That doesn't happen. That doesn't happy. You don't even want to do that with your own family.

You know the Facebook event goes out, you know. Family reunion coming up, deep South Alabama. It's gonna be hot down there.

You're like, "I'm gonna be busy that week. I don't know why with what but I am going to be busy."

Lord is emphasizing family in our midst and one of the key phrases from the 'blueprint prophecy' that was given very early on to this people was that our strength lied in coming close together, coming near to one another, knitting hearts together. And the Lord has been emphasizing this family theme all throughout our midst more and more. As a matter of fact we are going to take the next couple of weeks and talk about friendship groups and community and God's heart for community in our midst because we need it.

It's not just because we need it because of what's coming ahead. If you look at that phrase, "Your strength lies in coming close together" that means that something is trying to attack you. That means that things are coming against you and we're not just waiting for those things to happen, we are already in the midst of that. We have so many in our midst that are sick and ill and hurting and hurting families and marriages and all these things and we've got to come close together. We've got to be known. We can't just wait for someone to come knock on our door and know us. We've got to be known. We've got to make ourselves known. We've got to join groups and start groups and God has leadership on many. Anyway I'll talk about that more in a couple of weeks but the point is this: The Lord is emphasizing family in our midst.

Now in 1992, Mike received a word from the Lord in Cleveland Ohio, this was 1992, we don't tell the story a lot but this story has really been ripping me recently and then it was that the Lord was going to release Genesis 12 anointing in our midst for blessed families. And that he would have, the Lord would raise up men and community that would come together, link arms together, bond together and this is the phrase in 1992, "the Lord would release a home coming spirit in our midst." You can't make this stuff up.

When the Lord released the homecoming spirit, we would grow to 5000. And it's not just 5000 in the community or the church, there's many promises that there would be 5000 that the Lord would call to do this, the intercessory missionary style as their full time occupation. There will be 5000 of them then there will be 10, 15 thousand in the larger community all a part of the same spiritual family. The One Thing Conference at the end of last year a significant time with the Lord emphasized. We came out of this with this language of re-ret. We need to reset. We need to dial some things back. We need to not do some things that we had been doing and we need to start doing some things that we had not been doing. You all, we cancelled our biggest conference. That's how we build all of our school and internships and take offerings and sell tons of stuff at the bookstore. We cancelled that joker.

We cancelled our other conferences. I mean people are looking at us going, "I mean I appreciate you guys but you know that might have been dumb." We don't know if it was dumb. We'll find out. Nobody does that and the Lord's going, "No no, I'm going to help you. You need to do this. You need to reset." That's unusual. We've been doing conferences a long time here. Right? Right Mike? He said, "Yes."

We've been doing conferences so long. I came here as a kid to conferences. We have been doing conferences so for long and we stopped our conferences because we want to respond to the Lord. We want to respond to what He is doing.

There was a word given in the early 80's that we were to watch the Mississippi, that a flood was going to misplace these people and the word was that the Lord was going to send a flood of the Spirit to Kansas City and we would grow from 500 to 5000 over night. And that word was given back in the 80's and Bob Jones comes to Mike and he has the newspaper and he says, "Look at this Jackson, Mississippi a flood displaces people from their homes, 5000 had been displaced over night." This was just a couple of weeks after the word had been given.

Do you know that right now we are in a historic time of flooding for the Mississippi River, right now today? The Mississippi River has gone beyond many of its levies and has destroyed farm lands and crops and all these things and they are saying that it's going to have ramifications for the US economy in a couple of years ahead.

One of my friends, Stuart Grieves, many of you know him, he helps lead the NightWatch. He sent me videos because he is a pilot and he is flying over the Mississippi River and the Mississippi River is like half a mile beyond where it normally is in its banks. All those crops are destroyed. And the Lord is going, "Are you listening? Are you listening? IHOPKC family, are you tuned in? Are you gonna lift your face to Me because I'm calling you. I'm drawing you into something and there's promises that are around the corner. There's things I'm unfolding in your midst."

Paul Cain and Bob Jones both gave words of stadium Christianity. And many of you are familiar with the word of the parade down Blue Ridge Boulevard and filling the stadium, Arrowhead Stadium. That's the Chief's professional football stadium, three days and three nights, one worship team going, singing and the power of God falling and evangelism, salvation and deliverance and healing. There's a hundred thousand crammed on the inside and there's a hundred thousand on the outside.

What's interesting is that Mike hadn't told many of those Paul Cain words for many, many years. For about 15 years he didn't tell them. And he comes to the IHOPKC staff meeting and feels released from the Lord to tell it. Paul had passed away, it was right after Paul's funeral. That was just this year. And he comes to the staff meeting and he tells the story of the Truman Sports Complex and stadium Christianity and God's heart to release His power. And for that huge gatherings where the power of God would be so manifest in our midst, that very day he gets an email from Andy Byrd who is connected with WYAM, one of the leaders in YWAM. He's been running these huge stadium gatherings called "The Send." He gets an email from Andy Byrd

and Andy says, "Arrowhead Stadium called us and they want to do the next "Send" in 2020, they want us to use their stadium." It's the same exact day.

So, next year, Andy Byrd and the "Send", they're coming to Arrowhead Stadium, there's gonna be a whole bunch of people there. I'm not saying, "This is that." I'm not saying, "You know, there's going to be a procession parade and whatever." I'm just saying, "The Lord is highlighting unique things that we can't make happen." There's so much to that story and so many details and connections and relationships that are made with Andy that you can't fabricate those things. You can't make them up.

This year there was a book published called "The Spiritual Roots of Kansas City." I want to encourage you to get that book. It's published by a man named Bill High who did extensive research into the roots of Kansas City and one of the phrases in the book is that "Kansas City is a prophetic city." And it was founded, he traces the roots of how it was founded and how Kansas City was founded actually because of a flood that redirected the river to land at Westport when it had been farther North before. And he said, "If that flood had not happened (hello, flood of the Spirit), if that flood hadn't happened the epicenter of Kansas City would actually be out in Independence Missouri but there was a flood that redirects it and dah dah dah dah dah and Kansas City springs on the map. And there's just a bunch of interesting stories in there. IHOPKC is mentioned, Mike is mentioned, part of his story as well. I encourage you to hear that.

The Lord is, again, whispering, "Are you tuning in to the story of what I am doing in your city and with this people?"

Brother Dan Bohi comes from the Nazarene denomination. You know, I've never tracked with him or heard of him before, he shows up in our midst and it's like, "You're like the spiritual father I didn't know was out there." What's going on? He's saying phrases that Bob would say and that John Wimber would say and that Mike would say. He's saying those phrases. I don't know if you were listening. I'm sure you were. But I'm listening and you know John Wimber used to say this phrase, "Everybody does the stuff." Talking about the works of the kingdom, everybody does the stuff. We're all to prophesy and raise the dead and heal the sick. Everybody is supposed to do the stuff. It's not just the guy on the platform and the girl on the platform, the anointed person, everybody does the stuff. He said that exact thing sitting right here. Sitting right over there in the front row going, "Who is this guy? Where did he come from?"

He says this, you know one of Mike's phrases that he has always encouraged us with over the years is that "If you don't quit, you win." How many of you have heard that phrase before? If you don't quit, you win. It's talking about perseverance. It's talking about God is going to do all the heavy lifting and the impossible things that we can't do. He calls us to persevere. He calls us to run the race of endurance. And the second night, I'm sitting other there and Dan is up here ministering and he says, "You know guys, just remember perseverance." And he says, "If you don't quit." And he changes it a little bit, "You won't lose." But, I'm like, "That's Mike's phrase. What is happening?" And I feel like the Lord is bringing the Chinese into our midst and guys like Dan Bohi into our midst to remind us who we are. Sometimes when mom and dad are talking to us as kids we kind of start to tune them out after a while. We don't hear it. But then

there has to be a new voice, a new frequency that comes. Uncle Teto comes into town and he says the exact same thing.

I can't tell you how many times over the years I did youth ministry and still do for many many years. And in youth ministry I can't tell you how many times parents, other youth pastors would come up to me, "I've been saying this same stuff. You say it one time and my kid's on the floor crying." They are like, "I've been preaching this to my son for three years. I've been preaching this in my youth group for two years." There's just this certain point when we start to tune things out and the Lord goes, "Okay, if you are going to tune out everybody does the stuff and persevere and do family and long one another, I'm gonna send you Chinese, I'm gonna send you Dan Bohi." Who knows how many other people that Lord has out there hidden that about to show up in our living room and remind us of who we are.

People are having dreams all over the place telling them to come back to Kansas City, people that have left. I'm getting emails out of the blue from people, we got one from a student, a former student that just said, "Hey, you know." He was supposed to email one of the leaders and say, "Hey the Lord says, "Pay attention, the promises are coming."" People that are relocating here, people that the Lord is calling here, not just back to IHOPKC or Forerunner Church but calling them back to the city, they have an inheritance in the city. Something is coming. Something's coming. The Lord is having us clue in. He's going, "Are you gonna set your face to Me? Are you going to look at Me?"

I want to get excited about the promises and we got to figure out the problems and adjust some things but what about Him? What about lifting our eyes up to Him and just going, "Oh You are the beautiful God. That's why I am here. That's why I'm here, that's why my family is here, that's why my children are here, that's why my business relocated. I'm here because there's a beautiful God who wanted me written in to the story of what He is doing in Kansas City." Don't give up.

Don't give up. Don't go a year or two and then get discouraged and then just check out and say, "I wasn't really a part. This wasn't for me." If the Lord called you here it is for you. And it's not going to be easy. It's gonna be hard but it's gonna be glorious. Persevere.

We're in the midst of our 20 year anniversary. We're retelling the prophetic history. Mike is going to take these Friday nights beginning August 23 and retell the prophetic history. We have our media team and Dean Briggs documenting our story of the Lord's faithfulness and bringing all of these narratives together and show it to us. And the Lord has sent Dean here to help us again remind us of who we are. IHOP who are you? You're a people of prayer. You're a sacred assembly. You're about intimacy with Jesus and the beauty of God and greater works than these to our sons and daughters. Prophesying and having dreams and seeing visions and kids touching the sick and seeing them heal. We're after an apostolic prayer or an apostolic power and an apostolic love until a great harvest of souls being swept into the kingdom in this city. We're about sustaining an alter of day and night prayer with prophetic singers, these songbirds that will sing the song of the Lord where a man can walk in to our prayer room that needs deliverance and be set free from demons and addiction in a moment. We're after presence worship. We're after an apostolic love. We're after a John 15 love. The great commandment of the Lord, a great

commandment I leave with you that you love one another, that we would draw close together, that we would be the family of God.

It's so far beyond what we can imagine, do and see. I want to invite my wife, Morgan, to come join me. She's going to share a dream that she had. Though many of these words have come to pass that were given to us in the early days, for example that there would be 24/7 prayer with singers and musicians, that didn't exist in 1983, that there would be a global prayer movement sweeping across the nations of the earth, that didn't exist in 1983. That there would be smart phones, one of the things Bob saw. That there would be 'over the counter' abortion pill, that there would be a public celebration of homosexuality that would be applauded and encouraged by world government.

There yet remains many things in our midst that have yet to happen. Some of them I just mentioned, stadium Christianity and 5000 intercessors, these singers, these musicians in Kansas City, the development of the Truman land that was given to us, the healing anointing where no disease known to man would stand before these people. The last time I checked there are a lot of diseases known to man standing before us. But it's not going to be forever. It's not going to be forever. There's a day coming where the healing anointing is going to flow through this people and I don't just mean like in services, I mean through our kids and our neighborhoods and our jobs and workplaces through you, everyone.

The healing anointing would flow through them and heal the sick and raise the dead. Kansas City will be a bread basket for the nation and the nations of the earth, both in the natural and in the spiritual. It would be established as a revival center that would touch the entire earth. There are so many things that are in front of us and in the midst of this the Lord is going, "Lift your face to Me. Lift your face. Pay attention to what's happening, the Mississippi River, Arrowhead stadium, the things that the Lord is stirring up, pay attention, lift your face to me."

Family, He wants eye contact. He wants us to behold Him and love Him and be devoted to Him and I mean just love Him with everything that we are, that pure devotion before the Lord.

Morgan had a dream that kind of started this whole thing, just in regard to this Daniel fast and I want you to share that dream.

Morgan: So the first things I just feel like the Lord is highlighting is from Daniel chapter 10, where the angel comes to Daniel and he says, "You are greatly loved." And I feel like that is what the Lord is saying to us. He's saying, "Forerunner Church, IHOP, you are greatly loved." And God wants us to know that His delight is in us.

And so a couple of months ago I had this dream and in this dream there's a group of us, we're trying to decide what book we were going to study next as a church and as a community and I was in an office and Mike Bickle was standing next to me and I kept reaching for the top shelf for this book and I would pull it down but it felt dusty and so I would put it back up on the shelf and I did this several times. And Mike was there and he kept insisting, he was like, "No, get that book down." He kept insisting on that particular book and so finally I pull it down off the shelf and it says on the front of it, it says, "Daniel." And it was a commentary on the book of Daniel.

And then Mike says to me, in the dream, he says, "You must know the things in this book." And then the scene switches and I'm with my family and our children were there and we are hunkering down and there is this angry youth, young adults, there were about ten. I just remember this one face in particular of this little girl, she was probably about ten years old, she was super angry and they're coming but there are hundreds of them coming towards us and I, in the dream, feel very unprepared and I don't know what to do and what to tell my children and how to prepare for these people coming at us.

And then I wake up from the dream and when I wake up I feel the Holy Spirit highlighting two things to me. He's highlighting Joel chapter 2, which is the gathering together, the fasting, the weeping, the families are gathering together, it's the young and the old gathering to cry out to the Lord for His Spirit to be poured out. And then the second thing that Lord reminds me of another dream that I won't share the details of that dream but the two things that came out of that dream were, one was the Daniel lifestyle and two, it was how do we raise our children, how do we raise a generation in the rise of the anti-Christ and his kingdom on the rise. And the two things were the Daniel fast and the singing in the Spirit.

Isaac: So, Joel chapter 2 that Morgan is mentioning. I invite the worship team to come out here and in just a minute I will have some of the leaders come up. But in Joel chapter 2, you know it's this call to corporate fast when we come together but the whole point of it is that God wants out hearts. He wants our affection, He wants all of us. You know, He's not going to relent until He gets all of us and you know the prophet is telling us to rend your heart, not your garment, to give God, to rend to Him, to open to Him what it is He truly wants and what He's truly after. And so we engage together in these corporate fast it's so our heart is tenderized by the love of God, that we can receive more of the love of God that He longs to give us.

Now we can pay attention, we can partner with Him in His plans as they unfold, the promises as they unfold. We can come along side Him to be friends of the Bridegroom, that forerunner people that the Lord has called us to.

So I want to invite up Mike and some of our leaders from the base and from the church to just come up and stand up here and we're just sharing some different things and just reflecting a little bit. We're going to have a time just in a moment just to wait on the Lord together and ask the Lord to release His grace.

Good, John, why don't you share what you shared this morning. That was really good.

John: So I had a dream. In the dream I am in an auditorium, Bob Jones is up on the platform, I'm with the leadership team of our community and Bob comes down off the platform and comes walking towards us and I'm sitting down in a chair on the first row and he comes walking, I'm realizing he's not just coming to us, he's coming to me. And so I start to stand up and he reaches me and he hugs me and he pushes me back down in the chair. He gives me a very affectionate grasp and then he comes away and he just locks me in my eyes about a foot away from my face and he says, "John, heaven calls you beloved." That's that Daniel 9 thing that Morgan was just saying. And he says, "It's time John. It's about to get a lot more glorious. It's about to get a lot more difficult." He says, "It's time."

And so obviously, it profoundly affected me, I wake up from the dream and I am crying. And just the whole thing about the fast, like when I heard Morgan share the dream, something, I think it really is time. I want to be able to respond to what You're doing. I want a level of consecration, a level of readiness and so there is something inside of me, like I really want this. It's time.

Damen: Yeah, I am so encouraged this morning. This is our spiritual family, one of things that's been touching my heart is, you know the early days in the 80's Mike has this encounter where he's struck by Daniel 9 and he's meditating on it all day and Bob Jones calls him and tells him to come over. And he says, "The angel Gabriel came to me last night." And in the story Mike is like, "The Gabriel, the angle Gabriel?" Bob goes, "Yeah and he said to me, "Give the young man Daniel 9 and he will understand."" And Mike is, you know in the story, "I was in Daniel 9, how could he know that." I just was thinking that before there was a staff or not a staff or prayer room or not the prayer room, but the Lord was insisting that this people, this whole group, this company of people, these friends of the Bridegroom, would be a Joel 2 people, a Daniel 9 people and He gave it to us. He gave us Daniel 9 and so I am encouraged to receive what the Lord gave to us as a people as we engage in this fasting.

Dee: So, I love the book of Daniel. I've been in it for many years but Babylon is arising and there's keys in the book of Daniel how to live in Babylon, pray and to fast, honestly, I stink at fasting. I am really horrible at it. I delete, delete, everyday. So I know there's many of you probably can feel that same way but I am just up here confessing to you that I'm not a good faster but I do believe in what God is calling us to and to set our hearts. And I want to do that, it's great to do it together and so I just want to encourage you.

Lenny: I was jolted by the dream that Morgan had, I had a chance to share with Isaac and Morgan. When I heard the part where we would have angry pre-teens and youth that would be angered in their heart. I just thought about this fast and I thought about what we're doing as a spiritual family how we can get in on the ground floor with our seven and eight year olds and nine year olds right now and I just challenge us as a church family, as a staff, to get your whole family involved in this fast. We don't encourage fasting by food with children but we want the whole family to come together in this fast because if we can get in on the ground floor their children will grow non-offended.

Dale: I want to encourage us, I know that we work jobs, and throughout the week how much we gonna do this and I want to encourage us because, you know, when we get into the routines of our life, how many can relate to this statement, I won't ask you to put your hand up, where you just put your head down, you get going, you work through problems and the kids got to do this and suddenly you find yourself in this space where your heart is a little bit drier, it's not tender, your answers are a little bit sharper and suddenly you're, "Wait a minute, where did that tenderness from the Lord go?" And I want to encourage us that it is so easy to just kind of put your head down, push everything aside and just kind of go at life without really inviting the Lord in. Can I just be honest in that? And I think we need to lift our heads up. I am even going to be praying that for some of us this week that meetings that you have planned, people are going to start canceling them so that you are going to have a time to come to either an 8pm or a 10am just

to gather in and where you can bring the family, shut the TV off more, read Daniel 9, Joel 2, Psalm 2, some of these chapters that are really meaningful that will help our hearts fast, engage with one another more, have a smoothie instead of a whole meal. It's just like, lets engage in something even though we feel like I can't do it, I got a job to do. You know, we all work, we're all working hard. But we need to press pause for a minute. This is a reset on all of our lives to reset the First Commandment. Is He not worthy of that? I know that's pushing things a little bit but I just want us to see this for what it is. There is really a call going out to us.

Mike: I am going to change one word, 90% of the people in this room, that's not a push, that's why you're here. So 90% are going, "Hey, that is right." Some others are going, "That's a push." But I think for the majority of you it's not a push. That's my story and I'm sticking with it.

Kirk: The summer of 2005, I took a team and we stood in many cities praying for the ending of abortion in front of abortion clinics and we did a Daniel fast the whole summer in 2005 and so we were trying to figure out how to do it and young people were coming to me going, "Okay, no meats, no sweets, right?" And I said, "Yeah." And they said, "So, macaroni and cheese?" And we started to call macaroni and cheese the other white meat. But the truth is, what a fast is really about as Isaac said, it's about embracing weakness, embracing weakness. And you're freeing up time so you can free up focus to be focused on God. That's really what happened. I had a little visit from the Lord yesterday and just in a little encounter and in referencing the fast He said, "You do the holy and I'll bring the glory. You do the holy and I'll bring the glory. Set yourself apart to this and I'll bring the glory. " And I don't know when that is, if that is right away or in the days ahead but we can do the hold in the sense of not trying to be like God but setting ourselves apart and He will bring the glory. I think there is a promise somewhere in this of glory. And there is certainly a greater glory for this house than we have ever experienced.

Isaac: I just want to take a minute and have us respond. Let's all stand and if you are able to just stand before the Lord and if you're not able to just put out your hands.

The worship team is just gonna lead for a couple of minutes. I know we've got kids in childcare, we want to take a minute and just pray together as a family. If you feel, I want to invite people down to the front. If you feel, "I need grace for this." Others of you out there are going, "I'm in. I'm in 100%." But others are going, "I'm kind of on the fence with this. This is something I really need that nudge that grace from the Lord for." I want to invite you down to the front.

So please come down to the front, we want to pray with you. And then also, any of you that are going, "I need that touch from the Holy Spirit still." We just came out of those healing nights and maybe you didn't have somebody pray with you, and pray for you and you're going, "I still have faith." Just because our healing friend, Dan Bohi is gone doesn't mean God's not healing people still and we want to press in and we want to believe God for miracles and encounters and the lifting off of depression and the healing of bodies and even this morning. So if that is you we want to invite you to come down to the front if you are able to as well. If not you can just raise your hand as well where you are and we'll find some folks to get around you.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit we love You, Holy Spirit we worship You. We ask You Lord that You would move in our midst. We ask for power in our midst. We ask for power of the grace of God

to rest upon us, Lord as we enter into this fast in a couple of weeks, as we reset to the story, as we reset to that first love, as we do the holy, we ask that You would send the glory. You would encounter us, You would remind us of why we're here, why we are in this thing. What did you go out to see? What did you come to Kansas City to see? Was it not Him. Was it not all about Him and His beauty and His glory. Lord, we ask that You would remind us of those first things, give us grace. Father touch bodies that are sick. Stretch out Your hand in power. Stretch out Your hand in power this morning over the afflicted, over the one under the cloud of depression, let light pierce the darkness this morning, heal blind eyes, open deaf ears. We reach to You Lord.