

FASTING #2 - Every Assignment has a Birthplace.mp4

Speaker1: [00:00:05] In this session, we're going to talk about how that God has a plan and a purpose for your life. Every assignment has a birth place. And I believe when you begin to fast and pray, the Scripture is clear that God will begin to give you divine direction, begin to give birth to your assignment as you seek him in fasting and prayer. Jesus said in John, My sheep know my voice. And so if he has a voice and he's speaking to us, I believe fasting clears the way for our ears to hear what God is saying. He wants to direct you. He wants you to hear the voice of your Creator. Do you want to know Jesus more deeply? Do you want to know the direction that He desires for you to take in your life? Then fast. I was fasting on a on a three day fast. When God gave birth to my assignment in life, I was fasting, saying, God, I know you have a plan for my life. I don't know what it is, but I'm asking you and I'm seeking you. And on that third day, the Holy Spirit called me to preach. I was praying and in a place and hadn't eaten for three days. And I just felt the presence of God confirmed to me. I began to weep and cry. And I knew that God had called me. And I even in my in my childlike faith, said to God at the age of 19, I said, Lord, if this is really you, if you're really calling me to preach, then confirm it through my mother.

Speaker1: [00:01:36] And this was around midnight of the third day of the fast. I got in my car from the building that I was praying in, rode to my mother's home, walked in to the house, and I noticed that her bedroom light was on. And I walked down the hall and when I eased the door open, she was on her knees and she was crying out to God. And she whirled around and said, Jensen, She said, The Lord woke me up from my sleep and told me to tell you He's called you to preach. Do what he's told you to do. Now I'm going to tell you that moment. God gave birth to my assignment. That's why I'm so passionate about about fasting and prayer. I don't believe you just stumble into the will of God. I don't believe that. That you just happen upon God's assignment for your life. But when you begin to seek God in fasting and prayer, the Book of Acts, the Bible said that Peter was on the rooftop and he was fasting and he was praying. He had been fasting for three days, and the Lord sent a dream to him that he was to begin to preach to the Gentiles. What was God doing? Because the man was fasting and praying. God was giving birth to his assignment. Now there sure, as sure as I'm speaking now, there are people that are watching me and you know that God has something more for you.

Speaker1: [00:03:02] He wants to do amazing things in your life, in your children, in your home, in your family. And as you begin to fast and pray, God will begin to nudge and to direct and to give birth to his assignment for your life. I encourage you in that. So begin to target that in your prayer life, you know, as you're fasting, begin to beg God and cry out to God for his will to be done. God, what do you want me to do? God, Where do you want me to go? God, what is your assignment? Why am I here? Use my talents as I fast and pray. I give you my gifts. I give you my dreams. I give you my my mind. I give you everything that I have. I submit it to you. Give birth in my life. To your assignment, to heaven's plan, to heaven's design for my life. And as you do that, you're going to see God move mightily in your life. So the question becomes, how do you discover God's assignment for your life? How do you hear his voice? How will you know the will of God for your life, his plans for you? You know, some of you may need to be fasting now about, you know, who you're going to marry. You know, the first time that fasting is mentioned in the Bible, it is connected to Isaac and how that he was single and eliazar the servant of Abraham, the Bible said fasted.

Speaker1: [00:04:32] He went without food so that he would pick the right bride for that young single man. So the first time that fasting is mentioned in the Bible, it has to do with finding the right mate. Maybe you're thinking about making a move in your career, on your job, in your life, or maybe the field that you know of life that you feel called to. Maybe you're a college student and you're wondering which school you should go to fast about it. He said, Acknowledge me in all your ways and I will direct your path. I'm convinced that you will never walk in the perfect will of God until you begin to seek Him through fasting. When you present your body and when you say, Lord, I'm coming after you, then what God will do is begin to direct your path. Paul was fasting when God called Him and shared the assignment that He had for his life. Peter was on the rooftop and God, through fasting, gave him a whole new revelation of what his life and his ministry was to do as he began to preach to the Gentiles. And so I'm saying to you today that God has an assignment for your life. You know, I was thinking about as I sit here in a beautiful Orange County, California, and you see the Pacific Ocean behind me, the coastline.

Speaker1: [00:05:48] The reason that I'm here today is we started a church about a year and a half ago. I was minding my own business. I was out here in California promoting a book called Right People, Right Place Right plan that I wrote a couple of

years ago. And I was writing One Night. I show you how God will give birth to your assignment, riding in the car with a preacher friend of mine out here in Southern California late at night after eating a meal. And we came off of the 405 highway out here, very busy highway. And there's this beautiful glass building over to the side that my eye just happens to notice. And I turned to my preacher friend and I said, Whose building is that? And he said, It is the building. And he named the there's a there's a preacher. And he said, That's his building. Well to show you how God begins to work. I remember that that very preacher had called me weeks before, about two weeks before, actually a week before. And he had told me he was retiring. I didn't place it all together. I didn't think anything about it. And he was a long time friend of our family. And and he said, I'm retiring. Jensen And and I'm moving into the area where your church is in Georgia. And bottom line is, just wanted you to be aware. And if you ever need anybody to fill in the pulpit, I'm available.

Speaker1: [00:07:12] I didn't think any more about it, but now I see this building. So we, me and this pastor, pull off of the road. We go up to the door. It's 1030, 11:00 at night. We knock on the door and there happened to be somebody there and they opened the door, let us walk through the building. I was astonished at the 88,000 square foot building right in the heart of Orange County. Just an amazing area that needs the gospel of Jesus Christ. And to make a long story short, within a few weeks, I became pastor of that church right here in Orange County. And now about a year and a half later, we're running 1800 to 2000 people. Every Sunday night we have hit up to 27, 2800 on Easter and times like that. But my point is, hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of people have been saved. The church is exploding and people are coming from everywhere. Why does that happen? How does an 88,000 square foot building come in to my possession to turn into a church? How are you giving an 88,000 square foot building? And how do you pastor a church in Georgia and fly out on Sundays and preach in Orange County on Sunday nights and two services out here now, 4:00 and 6:00? I'm telling you, this kind only happens. These things only happen when we seek God in fasting, in prayer. And because I believe that I gave God that year at the beginning of the year in in the 21 day, fast God had already scheduled a divine appointment where he would give birth to the assignment that He had for my life.

Speaker1: [00:08:52] A new assignment, a fresh assignment. As I'm speaking this, I feel like telling you there are new opportunities coming your way, new assignments,

new things, new doors, open doors that no man can shut. And if you will continue to fast and pray and seek God's face, God is going to give birth on this fast. God is going to begin to open the door to your destiny. Perhaps you're at a place of such desperation that you just can't afford to miss God's will for your life. I know that that there are people that are facing life and death situations. Sometimes we feel trapped. Sometimes we're under such pressure by the circumstances that we're dealing with that, you know, we just feel like we're being attacked by the enemy on every front. Well, the only way possible that you can survive is to draw near to God. I'm telling you that when you draw near to him and you begin to hear his voice like Jehoshaphat, he was surrounded. And the Bible said that he called for a three day fast. And as he began to fast and as he began to pray, the Word of the Lord came and God said, You won't need to fight in this battle. Be still and know that I am God and I'm going to fight this battle.

Speaker1: [00:10:05] All that Jehoshaphat did in Second Chronicles 20 was fasted for three days and three nights, and God said, I'm going to fight your enemies. I'm going to fight your battles. And as all of Judah fasted, the Scripture said that God wrought a magnificent victory in their lives. Well, he's the same for you. Maybe you're facing battles. Maybe you need to overcome fear. Maybe you're facing situations in your life and you don't know what to do. Position yourself, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, he said to Jehoshaphat, Don't be afraid. Don't be dismayed, for I'm going to fight for you. And I just encourage you today as we end this session that God is on your side, that God has a fantastic mission and plan for your life. And I just encourage you today that as you fast and pray target this specific area of your life and say, Lord, I need your will, your plan for my life, I want you to give birth to your assignment. So just remember as you fast and pray for God's will for the birth of your assignment that God has planned for your life, that He's committed, He's committed himself to you as you're committing yourself to him. And so, Father, in Jesus name, I just pray that you would touch and bless those that are watching this session with your perfect will. In Jesus name. Amen. We'll see you on the next session.