

## *VOICE OF PRAISE WORSHIP CENTER*

# THE GLOBAL BRIDEGROOM FAST

### *A Global Solemn Assembly*

**"Can the friends of the Bridegroom mourn as long as the Bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the Bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast." ~ Jesus Christ, from Matthew 9:15 (NKJV)**

### **What is the Global Bridegroom Fast?**

A monthly global solemn assembly of believers in unified holy abandonment to Jesus for three days. The Global Bridegroom Fast was started by Pastor Mike Bickle of the International House of Prayer (IHOP) in Kansas City, MO several years ago. Today, we are joining together with thousands of believers worldwide in unified prayer and fasting for *revival* and *holy revolution* motivated by experiencing deep love for Jesus. This is a time when we are called to listen to God directly, not just the words of man. This is not an **event** but a new **lifestyle** in the grace of God!

### **Extreme Measures for Extreme Times**

*"For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you (Isaiah 60:2 NKJV)*

It is time for the church to rise up in her *warrior bride identity* and abandon herself to Jesus in lovesick worship with fasting and purity in order to more effectively preach the Gospel, heal the sick, deliver the oppressed, and serve the poor.

Millions of Buddhists, Hindus, and Muslims fast and pray with intensity unknown by the Western Church. They do this for false religions and false gods.

The Holy Spirit is answering the fasting of the world religions by raising up a globally unified church that fasts, worships, and prays to Jesus Christ as a lovesick bride in all purity.

### **When is the Global Bridegroom Fast?**

For Voice of Praise Worship Center, it is ***the first three (3) days of each month, that is the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> of January, February, March, and so on.*** The result is a total of **36 days** throughout the year of unified worship, prayer, and fasting as a top priority in our lives.

### **Who Should Be Involved?**

**EVERYONE!!** (Pastors, staff, elders. Board members, ministry department leaders, moms, dads, students, church members, etc.) We encourage all to exercise their option to be wholehearted! All can do this in the grace of God. Do the type of fast God leads you to do (total fast, partial fast, "Daniel fast," etc.)

### **What is a "Bridegroom" Fast?**

It is fasting that is motivated by having experienced the burning desire of Jesus' love. Jesus taught the apostles (Matt.9:15) that they would fast from a place of "mourning" for the touch of the Bridegroom that they had become accustomed to while he was physically present with them on the earth.

They had tasted intimacy with Jesus the Bridegroom and would mourn with fasting for **more intimacy** with Him after His death. Jesus said that when the Bridegroom is taken away (by His death on the cross and ascension to the Father), mourning for the former embraces of His Divine beauty (or "lovesickness") would drive them to cry out, "J *must have* more. "This is the fruit of having experienced even the early stirring of Divine love.

This fast is focused not on earning or deserving more of God, but on enlarging our capacity to freely receive, experience, and reflect more of His unlimited ocean of Divine love.

### **What are we praying for?**

#### ***Fullness of the Holy Spirit and unity in the Church (John 14:12; 17:2-23)***

Spiritual breakthroughs in the Church worldwide with unprecedented unity, purity and power

#### ***The Great Harvest (Matthew 24:14)***

Over one billion souls converted by the power of God

#### ***Youth Revival Movement (Malachi 4:6)***

Worldwide revival especially among the poor of the earth

#### ***Revival to Israel (Romans 9-11)***

Fulfillment of all the prophetic promises to national Israel

#### ***Houses of Prayer (Isaiah 62:6-7)***

The release of "grace for fasting" with worship and prayer to establish 24-hour-a-day houses of prayer in the cities of the earth (including Israel)

#### ***Wealth of the Nations (Haggai 2:7-9)***

Release of finances for the Harvest, the prayer movement, and the poor

#### ***The Wall of Fire (Zechariah 2:5)***

Divine protection of all that is birthed through prayer

### **What resources are available to help me?**

More information is available at the website for the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, MO ([www.fotb.com](http://www.fotb.com)).