

2023 DANIEL FAST

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Relationships Everyone's Always Looking for

DAY 4

1 John 1:5-9 [The Living Bible] *"This is the message God has given us to pass on to you: that God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ So if we say we are His friends but go on living in spiritual darkness and sin, we are lying. ⁷ But if we are living in the light of God's presence, just as Christ does, then we have **wonderful fellowship** and joy with each other, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth. ⁹ But if we **confess our sins** to Him, He can be depended on to **forgive us** and to **cleanse us** from every wrong. [And it is perfectly proper for God to do this for us because Christ died to wash away our sins.]"*

Sin separates us from God. Repentance eliminates the sin that separates us from God. God desires relationship with us, His highest creation, His children. God hates sin because of how it harms our relationship with Him. When sin is present in our lives, we develop a propensity to not spend time with God. Because of this propensity, a negativity about ourselves begins to develop, *"I can't be good enough."* This leads to depravity, a corrupting of our soul and spirit with the endgame of satan coming to fruition...our relationship with God is severely hindered, if not broken.

God greatly desires and deeply yearns for His relationship with you to be strong and consistent. He is always with us. He has a covenant relationship with us, *"I'll never leave you and I won't forsake you."*

Wherever you are in your relationship with God, repent! Make sure there is nothing that satan can use against you as you start this New Year. Be determined to strengthen your relationship with God. When repentance is the lifestyle of a son or daughter of God, your relationship to your heavenly Father will only soar and bring the two of you closer.

It's time to build Relationships Everyone's Always Looking for!

Worship Song:

"Run To The Father" – Cody Carnes

<https://youtu.be/HcpeLDp0Foo>

Scripture Readings:

Psalms 32:5 [New International Version] *"Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord' — and You forgave the guilt of my sin."*

Proverbs 28:13 [Good News Translation] *"You will never succeed in life if you try to hide your sins. Confess them and give them up; then God will show mercy to you."*

1 John 1:5-7 [Easy-To-Read Version] *"We heard the true teaching from God. Now we tell it to you: God is light, and in Him there is no darkness. ⁶ So if we say that we share in life with God, but we continue living in darkness, we are liars, who don't follow the truth. ⁷ We should live in the light, where God is. If we live in the light, we have fellowship with each other, and the blood sacrifice of Jesus, God's Son, washes away every sin and makes us clean."*

Prayer:

Father, forgive me of my sin, and cleanse me from all unrighteousness. My heart's desire is to live in unbroken fellowship with You. I will not live in habitual sin. I confess my sin, transgressions, and iniquities to You. I asked that the blood of Jesus cover me and wash my sins from my heart and my life. My desire is to live for You and to please You. Thank you, for Jesus' finished work on the cross. With Your help, repentance from sin will become a daily habit in my life. In the Name of Jesus I pray, amen!

Today, I need to pray for:

What is God telling me today?
