

2023 DANIEL FAST

R.E.A.L.

Relationships Everyone's Always Looking for

DAY 1

Romans 12:9-13 [The Voice]

"Love others well, and don't hide behind a mask; love authentically. Despise evil; pursue what is good as if your life depends on it. ¹⁰ Live in true devotion to one another, loving each other as sisters and brothers. Be first to honor others by putting them first. ¹¹ Do not slack in your faithfulness and hard work. Let your spirit be on fire, bubbling up and boiling over, as you serve the Lord. ¹² Do not forget to rejoice, for hope is always just around the corner. Hold up through the hard times that are coming and devote yourselves to prayer. ¹³ Share what you have with the saints, so they lack nothing; take every opportunity to open your life and home to others."

Welcome to 2023!

I believe it is going to be a great year. Why do I believe that you ask? Because we are determined this year to pursue God and build godly relationships. Our relationship with God helps us in building close friendships with others and our relationship with others helps us in building a stronger relationship with the Lord.

As we start this New Year, we have resolved to fast, in unity, for the first 21 days in January. We are determined to encourage and help each other daily. Our goal is to build stronger friendships with the people in our church and those who God has placed around us. This is the year to make new friends, strengthen existing friendships, and allow God to bring us into relationships that reflect the Kingdom of God.

I have a hope and expectation from the Lord concerning 2023. Make this be a year of commitment, to Christ, to yourself, and to others He has placed around you.

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

Worship Song:

"Endless Love" – Hillsong Worship

<https://youtu.be/oLK2HOzZTOE>

Scripture Readings:

2 Corinthians 6:3-4, 6 [NIV] *"We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. ⁴ Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: ⁶ in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love."*

1 Timothy 1:5 [NLT] *"The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith."*

1 Peter 1:22 [God's Word] *"Love each other with a warm love that comes from the heart. After all, you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth. As a result, you have a sincere love for each other."*

Prayer:

Father, prepare my heart as I embark on the next 21 days concerning building R.E.A.L. relationships. I ask that my relationship with You would grow in intimacy and strength and that through this process my relationship with others would indicate the love you have for me and for them. I commit the first 21 days of 2023 to You. In the Name of Jesus I pray, amen!

Today, I need to pray for:

What is God telling me today?
