This past Sunday, Pastor George ministered, "Our National Fasting Proclamation."

### We are Proclaiming a National Fast

This is when believers come together for the purpose of changing serious situations. We ALL set our faces toward God to receive significant breakthroughs - both nationally and individually. What happens in the United States has great impact all around the world.

### 2 Chronicles 20:3; (AMPC)

"...Then Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself [determinedly, as his vital need] to seek the Lord; he proclaimed a fast in all Judah."

All Judah = all family members, adults, youth, children, and young ones.

#### A Daniel Fast

We are proclaiming a 14-day "Daniel Fast" beginning today and concluding at sundown on Saturday, September 21st.

### Daniel 10:2-3; (AMPC)

"In those days I, Daniel, was mourning (fasting) for three whole weeks (ours is two weeks). I ate no pleasant or desirable food, nor did any meat or wine come into my mouth; and I did not anoint myself at all for the full three weeks.

"Pleasant bread" in our day refers to what we enjoy eating, drinking, doing, or viewing. The key is to lay aside what the flesh craves for 14 days. We set aside those things to allow us to hear clearer from the Lord. We substitute the time from other things to spend the extra time with the Lord.

# **Our Fasting Assignment**

Isaiah 58:6; (NKJV)

"Is this not the fast that I have chosen:

- To loose the bonds of wickedness.
- To undo heavy burdens,
- To let the oppressed go free,
- And that you break every yoke?"

We, on a national side take authority over the corruption. We know this corruption exists just as Holy Spirit told Elijah of the situation with Ahaziah, Pastor George shared he knows gross corruption is occurring in our nation.

With a degree of corruption removed, we will see a greater awakening for God and more Bible prophecy fulfilled.

Pastor Terri shared that Jews will tell you there is nothing higher than partnering with God in making prophecy come to pass. When we partner with our Jewish friends to help Jews return to their homeland with Aliyah, we are helping to fulfill Bible prophecy.

### "Take authority over election corruption."

Genesis 1:26; (AMPC/PGT)

God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over corruption in our nation!

## **Scriptures to Stand on Concerning Corruption**

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Psalm 21:11-13; (NLT)

"Although they plot against you, their evil schemes will never succeed. For they will turn and run when they see your arrows aimed at them. Rise up, O LORD, in all your power. With music and singing we celebrate your mighty acts."

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## **Corruption Uncovered**

The Book of Esther -

Mordecai uncovered an assassination plot to kill King Xerxes.

- a. He reported it to Queen Esther.
- b. Esther reported it to King Xerxes.
- c. The two responsible were hanged.

King Xerxes promoted Haman to Prime Minister.

- a. All the King's officials bowed to him except Mordecai.
- b. The officials reported Mordecai him to Haman.
- c. They told him Mordecai was a Jew.

### Esther 3:5; (NLT)

"He had learned of Mordecai's nationality, so he decided it was not enough to lay hands on Mordecai alone. Instead, he looked for a way to destroy all the Jews throughout the entire empire of Xerxes."

- Lots were cast by Haman, a royal advisor to determine the date of the first Purim (Jewish festival). The word Purim means 'lottery.'
- They selected March 7<sup>th</sup> the following year. (Purim does not follow the secular Gregorian calendar, therefore it can fall anywhere from late February to late March).

### Esther 3:8-11; (NLT)

"Then Haman approached King Xerxes and said, "There is a certain race of people scattered through all the provinces of your empire who keep themselves separate from everyone else. Their laws are different from those of any other people, and they refuse to obey the laws of the king. So it is not in the king's interest to let them live. If it please the king, issue a decree that they be destroyed, and I will give 10,000 large sacks of silver to the government administrators to be deposited in the royal treasury." The king agreed, confirming his decision by removing his signet ring from his finger and giving it to Haman — the enemy of the Jews. The king said, "The money and the people are both yours to do with as you see fit."

# Vv. 13-14; (NLT)

"Dispatches were sent by swift messengers into all the provinces of the empire, giving the order that all Jews—young and old, including women and children—must be killed, slaughtered, and annihilated on a single day."

At the first Purim, the property of the Jews would be given to those who killed them. A copy of this decree was to be issued as law in every province and proclaimed to all peoples, so that they would be ready to do their duty on the appointed day.

Mordecai found out the plot, went outside the city, tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and wept before the Lord.

- a. Esther sent Hathach, (a Persian eunuch who attended to Queen Esther) to find out what was wrong.
- b. Mordecai told him the plan to destroy the Jews.
- c. Hathach told Queen Esther.

#### Esther 4:10-11; (NLT)

"Then Esther told Hathach to go back and relay this message to Mordecai: "All the king's officials and even the people in the provinces know that anyone who appears before the king in his inner court without being invited is doomed to die unless the king holds out his gold scepter. And the king has not called for me to come to him for thirty days."

#### V.14;

This verse was spoken to Esther because she found herself in a position to rescue her people, the Jews, from death.

Pastor George shared that we are here to help the Jews make Aliyah, as we are supporting prophecies.

#### Esther 4:15-17;

"Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: "Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die." So Mordecai went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him."

The Lord gave her the plan.

- a. She invited the King and Haman to a banquet.
- b. She asked the King and Haman to attend another banquet the next day.
- c. Haman boasted to his wife and friends as to how the King was going to honor him.

Isaiah 58 - the Lord will give you a plan, just like Esther during this fast. Esther had to position herself before the Lord, then He gave her the plan, and then she knew what she was to do.

We too, can know what we are to do about our finances, our body, our family, our job, etc.

Esther 5:13-14; (NLT)

"Then he added, "But this is all worth nothing as long as I see Mordecai the Jew just sitting there at the palace gate." So Haman's wife, Zeresh, and all his friends suggested, "Set up a sharpened pole that stands seventy-five feet tall, and in the morning ask the king to impale Mordecai on it. When this is done, you can go on your merry way to the banquet with the king." This pleased Haman, and he ordered the pole set up."

## The King couldn't sleep that night.

- a. He asked for the historical records of his kingdom.
- b. The King saw that Mordecai was never rewarded for reporting the plot.

### Esther 6:7-10; (NLT)

"So Haman came in, and the king said, "What should I do to honor a man who truly pleases me?" Haman thought to himself, "Whom would the king wish to honor more than me?"

So he replied, "If the king wishes to honor someone, he should bring out one of the king's own royal robes, as well as a horse that the king himself has ridden—one with a royal emblem on its head. Let the robes and the horse be handed over to one of the king's most noble officials. And let him see that the man whom the king wishes to honor is dressed in the king's robes and led through the city square on the king's horse. Have the official shout as they go, 'This is what the king does for someone he wishes to honor!'" "Excellent!" the king said to Haman. "Quick! Take the robes and my horse, and do just as you have said for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the gate of the palace. Leave out nothing you have suggested!"

## Esther 7:1-10; (NLT)

"So the king and Haman went to Queen Esther's banquet. On this second occasion, while they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "Tell me what you want, Queen Esther. What is your request? I will give it to you, even if it is half the kingdom!" Queen Esther replied, "If I have found favor with the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my request, I ask that my life and the lives of my people will be spared. For my people and I have been sold to those who would kill, slaughter, and annihilate us. If we had merely been sold as slaves, I could remain quiet, for that would be too trivial a matter to warrant disturbing the king."

"Who would do such a thing?" King Xerxes demanded. "Who would be so presumptuous as to touch you?" Esther replied, "This wicked Haman is our

adversary and our enemy." Haman grew pale with fright before the king and queen. Then the king jumped to his feet in a rage and went out into the palace garden. Haman, however, stayed behind to plead for his life with Queen Esther, for he knew that the king intended to kill him. In despair he fell on the couch where Queen Esther was reclining, just as the king was returning from the palace garden. The king exclaimed, "Will he even assault the queen right here in the palace, before my very eyes?" And as soon as the king spoke, his attendants covered Haman's face, signaling his doom. Then Harbona, one of the king's eunuchs, said, "Haman has set up a sharpened pole that stands seventy-five feet tall in his own courtyard. He intended to use it to impale Mordecai, the man who saved the king from assassination."

"Then impale Haman on it!" the king ordered. So they impaled Haman on the pole he had set up for Mordecai, and the king's anger subsided."

### The results of fasting

- a. King Xerxes gave Haman's estate to Queen Esther.
- b. A new decree was written exactly as Mordecai dictated.
- c. Mordecai became Prime Minister.

### Esther 8:11-12; (NLT)

"The king's decree gave the Jews in every city authority to unite to defend their lives. They were allowed to kill, slaughter, and annihilate anyone of any nationality or province who might attack them or their children and wives, and to take the property of their enemies. The day chosen for this event throughout all the provinces of King Xerxes was Purim."

# Esther 9:3-4; (NLT)

"And all the nobles of the provinces, the highest officers, the governors, and the royal officials helped the Jews for fear of Mordecai. For Mordecai had been promoted in the king's palace, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces as he became more and more powerful."

### Our declaration

# According to Joel 2:15-16; (NKJV)

We, "Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room."

### According to 2 Chronicles 20:3-4; (NKJV)

In light of an impending attack, "Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. So Judah gathered together to ask help from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD."

### According to Esther 4:16; (NLT)

In the face of deep corruption and impending doom for the Jews, Esther told Mordecai to, "Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die."

We set aside those things which the flesh craves to spend extra time feeding our spirit; we clear out any clutter and shut down the noise to hear the LORD more clearly, and distinctly.

#### According to 2 Chronicles 20:13;

We turn our faces to the LORD just as, "all Judah, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood before the LORD."

#### Psalm 35:13:

### "I humbled my soul with fasting."

We humble our soul with fasting and do away with our own pleasures.

## According to Romans 12:1;

"By the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

We daily present our bodies to the LORD.

# According to Matthew 6:18; (AMPC)

We believe that "Our Father, who sees in secret, will reward us in the open."

Our assignment is clear: We are to take authority over all corruption in our nation — especially where the upcoming election is concerned. Our vote will not be corrupted. It will arrive at its intended destination.

We take our stand on the following scriptures concerning corruption:

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#### Mark 11:24;

"Jesus said, "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

We believe we receive elected officials who fit the description outlined in Exodus 18:21 (AMPC) that says,

## Our choice is demonstrated with our vote....

"Moreover, you shall choose able men from all the people—God-fearing men of truth who hate unjust gain—and place them over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens, to be their rulers."

#### We remember our Covenants:

- The 1607 Virginia Beach Covenant
- The 1620 Mayflower Covenant
- The Declaration of Independence (...with firm reliance of the protection of Divine Providence)
- and the Covenant George Washington made with America, Inaugurations Day in 1783.
- The United States will NOT fail or falter.
- We believe we receive an awakening to God and an outpouring of the Spirit over the United States like we have never seen before.
- We receive these rewards by faith in the Name of Jesus.

**We made our declaration, our proclamation**. Now, we will continue to feed on the word, allowing our faith to grow, along with spending extra time in prayer. We will especially spend extra time praying in the Holy Spirit.