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PART 3

The Bottom Line:

_____ With _____ Positions Us For God's Purpose and Presence

Matthew 6:16–18 (NKJV)

16 "Moreover, **when you fast**, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 17 But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

1. Fasting Opens _____

Acts 13:2–4 (NKJV)

2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. 4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

We all have a call to help _____ and _____ the _____ of Christ.

God reveals His _____ and _____ when we seek Him through Fasting and prayer.

2. Fasting Opens _____

Acts 13:2–4 (NKJV)

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God's _____ without God's _____ will lead to frustration and discouragement.

Esther 4:16(NKJV)

16 "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"

Esther found favor because she touched the throne of the _____ King before she touched the scepter of the _____ king.

When we pursue the favor of _____ through fasting and prayer God will open the door of favor here on the _____.



Life Group Application Questions:

1. How does fasting and prayer prepare us for God to use us for His purposes? (Acts 13:2-4)

2. What are your thoughts on this statement, "God's call without God's open door will lead to frustration and discouragement?"

3. What piece of advice would you give to someone who is looking into fasting and prayer?

4. What question was not asked here that should have been?

Notes:
