

## Daniel 10

Flame

And here's my question for you.  
Is there anything in the state of  
the Church, the state of your life  
that makes you mourn. Anything  
that makes you morn?

I would love to see a generation of  
young men mourn. Who called it quits  
on getting angry at how dumb things were  
and how much the kingdom was advanced,  
and got on their knees and fasted and  
prayed for three weeks, eating no  
delacacies, passying by the ice cream  
after lunch. Praying to God and  
asking God to do amazing kingdom  
advancing things.

Some of you are in places in your  
marriage where it feels like it  
will never get better, it just feels  
insurmountable. And you just sorta  
fill your life with multiple little  
pleasures that sorta it bearable, when  
really the lack of intimacy and the  
lack of kingdom growth in your marriage  
is driving you crazy, but you can kinda  
make it bearable. What I think the Lord  
would want you to do to be like Daniel,  
and not to numb the morning but to  
intensify it for a season. With fasting  
and with prayer, maybe passing by the  
delacacies.

Daniel actually was eating food just not  
delacacies. He was going through a time of  
severity, to increase the mourning. And he  
was Pleading with God, probably for the  
advance of his kingdom. If we know Daniel.

Sometimes we have men fighting lust and  
we say well, "Get an accountability partner,  
and get Covenant Eyes." Chris Shippley was  
here, one of our former pastors recently,  
and he says now when he counsels men to  
fight lust, he says, "Lets fast together  
next week." I just want to make myself  
available to any man battling with sin,  
I will fast with you, any time you want.

We have ignored prayer and fasting, and we  
have wondered why we know so little of Christ,  
and why the Kingdom does not advance with power.  
And I'm here to tell you, the response from  
God will come in response to our prayers,  
to our mourning, to our fasting.

As a work by which we earn his favor? NO!

Because we have been given access to God  
through the spirit, we have been made  
children of God by the cross. We have had  
our sins paid for, there's no guilt in life,  
there's no fear in death. Now we can approach  
God.

But when you look at this miserable world,  
and you see prostitution in Bangkok,  
and you see child trafficking all over the world,  
you see a crack house on this corner, you see  
a neighborhood full of wickedness, you marriages  
that don't grow, you see people that are  
always depressed. We would be better off to  
let ourselves mourn rather than talk about  
what a healthy church we are. And deny the  
delacicies for a season, and to seek our God  
for a greater display of the Lord Jesus Christ.  
And I've got news for you, he loves to answer  
Prayer!