

Day One: Wednesday, October 15

Today's Scripture: *Zephaniah 3:14-17*

Take some time today to thank God for all that He has done for you. A sure tonic for spiritual lethargy is genuine thanksgiving. Take your time; don't be in a hurry as you think of all the Lord's good gifts for you. Make sure to thank Him for being such a tender yet powerful warrior on your behalf. Let your heart be filled with gladness and shout for joy, O child of the living God! The Lord is in you and with you.

Day Two: Thursday, October 16

Today's Scripture: *Isaiah 40:21-31*

Let your spirit soar as you think about the majesty and greatness of our God. There is nothing too difficult for Him. The vastness of outer space He spoke into existence with a word and He twirls the whole universe around His little finger. All the nations and its leaders are raised up and brought low by His sovereign authority. The Lord is aware of all that is going on in the world and all that is going on in your life. He is not asleep. Take some time today to cast onto Him...with thankful trust...all the burdens of your heart.

Day Three: Friday, October 17

Today's Scripture: *Colossians 1:9-13*

In today's Scripture, Paul prays for the believers and in so doing reminds them of what God has done for them. Today, would you pray Paul's prayer in Colossians 1 on behalf of the saints involved with FICM-USA? In addition, today is the beginning of a weekend retreat in Alabama that Hal & Alandra Parks are hosting. Rich Miller will be teaching "The Grace Course" and some personnel from the SE Region will also be there on a retreat hosted by Ken and Lyn Martin. Pray for much grace to abound today!

Day Four: Saturday, October 18

Today's Scripture: *Revelation 2:1-7*

One of our desires during this 40-day period is to see fresh freedom come to the hearts of our people. Our lives are so busy and we are so absorbed with doing things for God that it is easy to allow our times with Him to become rushed, hurried...almost microwaved. The Ephesian believers were commended by Jesus more than any other church in the book of Revelation, but our Lord warned them that He would pull the plug

on the whole operation if they didn't return to their first love. This could happen to us. If "Freedom in Christ" isn't first and foremost about Christ, there will be no freedom. Let us spend the day remembering what we used to do to cultivate our love relationship with Jesus and talking to Him about how to recapture the "fresh freedom" of renewed intimacy with Him. May this be a day of repentance and restoration for us all.

Day Five: Sunday, October 19

Today's Scripture: *2 Corinthians 5:14-19*

The first and greatest commandment is to love the Lord our God with all we are and all we have. Following close on that commandment's heels is the command to love our neighbor as ourselves. Today is a day to reflect on the health and quality of our human relationships. There is a unbreakable link between our vertical relationship with God and our horizontal relationships with others. Ask the Lord to search you and know your heart, try you and know your anxious thoughts and see if there is any hurtful way in you. Ask Him to lead you in the everlasting way (Psalm 139:23,24), the way of humility, forgiveness and...when possible...reconciliation. Remember also to pray for the Alabama retreat (see Day Three) as it concludes today.

Day Six: Monday, October 20

Today's Scripture: *Isaiah 40:3-5*

This passage of Scripture...prophetically speaking of John the Baptist...reminds us of one of our theme verses for this season of prayer, Isaiah 57:14: "Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstacle out of the way of My people." Someone has said that "prayer is building a runway so that God can land." Beautiful! God wants the hills and mountains of pride and self-sufficiency to come down. He wants to lift up the valleys of shame, despair and worthlessness. He wants to make the wrong ways right and the rough places smooth. And He wants to remove every obstacle that is hindering us from doing His will. Will you ask Him today to show you what the "landscape" of your life and ministry looks like and what kind of "earth movers" are needed for your freedom and maturity in faith and ministry?

Day Seven: Tuesday, October 21

Today's Scripture: *Philippians 4:15-20*

The apostle Paul was not afraid to talk about money and the grace of giving. In this passage he commends the Philippians for their generosity, while reminding them of God's faithfulness to meet all their needs according to His glorious riches in Christ. Keeping with the theme of seeing every obstacle removed from the way of God's people, would you please pray that any enemy hindrance to the "supply lines" for FICM-USA be removed? Finances are tight and we are often hard-pressed to meet the basic costs of operations, not to mention the funding needed for expansion projects. Thank the Lord for His generosity and faithfulness while also calling upon Him to "tap on the shoulder" those, like the Philippians, who are called to fund this kingdom work.

Day Eight: Wednesday, October 22

Today's Scripture: *Matthew 9:35-39*

Jesus was extremely busy ministering to the needs of people. When He looked over the hurting masses of people, His gut turned over with compassion for them. Knowing the great needs of humanity, Jesus didn't instruct His disciples to suck it up and work harder; He exhorted them to beseech God for more laborers. Today begins the Rockford, IL Practicum. There are eight scheduled participants. Would you beseech the Lord of the harvest to encourage, equip and empower these folks as laborers for His harvest field? Specifically, please pray for the personal freedom appointments they will be having over the next couple days. The participants are Marianne, Steve, James, Josephine, Beth, Jennifer, Jon and Bill and they are from Colorado, New York, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Day Nine: Thursday, October 23

Today's Scripture: *Ephesians 4:11-16*

The Practicum in Rockford, IL continues into Saturday, so your prayers are appreciated during these days. Today's Scripture reminds us that it is the task of those who are gifted to equip others to minister...not just do all the work themselves. Would you please be lifting up the coaches, presenters, and others serving at the Practicum, that they would exercise their gifts and impart their experience with wisdom to the eight participants, so that they can effectively carry on the "work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ"? Pray especially for Rick & Sharon Cotti (North Central Regional Directors), as they are hosting the event at their home church.

Day Ten: Friday, October 24

Today's Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:20-26

This Scripture passage describes the cleansing of soul and character qualities of the kind of person the Lord uses for His work. We all want to be useful to the Master. Take some unhurried time to seek the Lord in regard to your own heart (you might even want to go through *The Steps to Freedom in Christ*, or at least a part of it) today. To minister freedom effectively, we must first be walking in freedom ourselves. It's easy for some of the flotsam and jetsam of life in this fallen world to cling to our souls without our even being aware of it. In addition, would you please pray for Dr. Neil Anderson as he conducts a *Discipleship Counseling* event today and a pastor's briefing tomorrow in Austin, MN. Pray the Lord moves in the hearts of the participants with His cleansing and equipping power!

Day Eleven: Saturday, October 25

Today's Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4

By now our long-awaited *Growing Fruitful Disciples* strategy package is in the final stages of production. This package is designed to easily enable our folks on the field to introduce new churches and church leaders in their area to the FICM approach to discipleship. And since it is our heart to see captives set free to become growing, fruitful disciples, I couldn't think of a better theme verse for today than the Isaiah 61 passage we know and love so well. Please be in prayer today that many of our field staff and CFMAs would have open doors to run a *Growing Fruitful Disciples* event in their hometown, over the next six months. If you have the time, you could go to www.ficm.org and pray for our field personnel by name!

The Rockford, IL Practicum concludes today, so please pray for safety and health for all traveling home, and for all that the Lord did in lives there to be sealed strongly in hearts. Rich preaches tomorrow morning at the Rock Church (where the Practicum was held).

Day Twelve: Sunday, October 26

Today's Scripture: Psalm 103

We have had a full and busy week of petition and intercession. Today, just revel in the joy of our wonderful God and worship Him in spirit and truth. Psalm 103 is one of my favorites and will provide plenty of holy fuel for a hearty time of praise and worship this day. May the Lord bless you for your faithful service in prayer. Rest well.

Day Thirteen: Monday, October 27

Today's Scripture: *Matthew 20:25-28*

Jesus did not come to be served but to serve. What an astounding...and convicting!... reality. And how counter-culture to a society in which each generation seems to feel increasingly entitled and decreasingly inclined to self-sacrifice. It is easy for us to get caught up in this way of thinking. There is a group of people, though, in FICM-USA that consistently models servanthood, and that is our faithful, hard-working office staff. Would you please pray for Cindy, Diane, Peggy, Kristin, and Chloe (new sales clerk) for health, spiritual vitality, energy, stamina, wisdom, as well as unity and harmony in the office and in their homes? I know they will be blessed by your prayers. Feel free to send them an email today (cbergenback@ficm.org) to express your thanks for their selfless service and to let them know you prayed for them today!

Day Fourteen: Tuesday, October 28

Today's Scripture: *1 Thessalonians 5:12,13*

We would not be having this 40-days of prayer and fasting were it not for Neil & Joanne Anderson. We owe them a debt we can never pay, but we can pray for them. As you are probably aware, Joanne's health has not been good and Neil has been caring for her. Pray for peace and comfort for Joanne and for energy and stamina for Neil. May the Lord bless them both. Neil today will actually be in West Lafayette, IN for a three-hour pastors' briefing (hosted by CFMA Angela Meek). Pray that there would be an eager response from the pastors and that the Lord would continue to give wisdom in the days ahead for us and Neil as we seek to work seamlessly together for the growth of the CFM movement across this nation! Pray for Neil as he seeks to complete a new book, *The Disciple-Making Church*, before Christmas.

Day Fifteen: Wednesday, October 29

Today's Scripture: *Ephesians 6:10-18*

The rest of this week, we are going to war in prayer. Far beyond what any human could try to do, the powers of darkness will seek to put obstacles in the way of God's people, including FICM-USA. As you are well aware, this time of the year, spiritual opposition increases as the culture...somewhat cluelessly...puts out a welcome mat for the devil. Realizing that our hearts, lives, families and ministries are the enemy's bull's eyes, take time to pray through the armor of God both for yourself and for your comrades-in-arms

here at FICM-USA. Let us hold up collectively the shield of faith so that any and all fiery missiles of the evil one will be extinguished and none of them hit their marks! Pray for protection against disunity and disharmony in our homes; pray for protection over the moral fabric of our hearts; pray for protection against slander; pray for protection in health and safety for our people, that our God would guard our going out and coming in.

Day Sixteen: Thursday, October 30

Today's Scripture: *2 Corinthians 6:3-10*

This oft-neglected passage of Scripture gives...in classic Pauline rapid-fire style...a snapshot of Christian work and warfare. Look through these verses and notice how many weapons are at our disposal. For example, we all know that "the word of truth" is one of our weapons, but did you know that "genuine love" is one, too? Please take some time and pray through this Scripture, asking God to make all of us here with FICM-USA skilled and effective in wielding these "weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left."

Day Seventeen: Friday, October 31

Today's Scripture: *Ephesians 1:15-23*

We conclude this month and this short three-day burst of warfare praying by exalting Christ. Today should be a day of great, adoring worship and praise for our Conquering King. Jesus indeed has come to destroy the devil's works (1 John 3:8) and he has rendered powerless him who had the power of death, that is the devil (Heb. 2:14,15). God indeed has disarmed the rulers and authorities, having triumphed over them through the cross (Colossians 2:13-15)! On a day that is typically filled with darkness, let us proclaim with great joy and authority the Majesty of the One who has "rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:13,14). Rejoice, O child of the Light!

Day Eighteen: Saturday, November 1

Today's Scripture: *Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23*

Today we will begin a whirlwind "prayer tour" across the United States. For seven of the next eight days we will pray over the seven regions into which we at FICM-USA have divided this nation. So, let's invite the Holy Spirit to be our GPS...guiding our prayers into the highways and byways of this great land. Today, we will start with the Northeast

region, which includes the New England and Mid-Atlantic states. Pastor Dan Studt is our Regional Director and current Regional Prayer Coordinator (though he is actively searching for another RPC). Let's pray for Dan and Jenn and their four kids. Pray for the Lord to cultivate, fertilize and remove the rocks from the spiritual soil of this often barren and hard land. Pray for unity among God's people. Pray for open doors and open hearts in churches and among church leaders; pray for gospel pathways into government, education, finance, entertainment, and sports in the Northeast. In many ways, it is the most strategic part of our nation. Pray for many more CFMAs as well as State and City Directors in places like New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Hartford, Newark, Baltimore, Washington, DC and other metropolitan areas.

Day Nineteen: Sunday, November 2

Today's Scripture: *Revelation 3:1-6*

The Southeast region of the U.S., where our FICM-USA office is located (Knoxville, TN), is part of what is commonly referred to as "the Bible Belt." And there are certainly a lot of churches here! There is also a general level of warm-heartedness toward religion and respect for people of faith. But a lot of the sentiment here is based on tradition rather than a vibrant, virile, passionate, firsthand encounter with the Living God. Of course, there are also churches where the freedom message and ministry are thriving in grace and truth. Pray for Ken and Lyn Martin as they serve as Regional Director and Regional Prayer Coordinator respectively. Pray for the Lord to break down the walls of denominational prejudice, legalistic tradition and spiritual pride. Ask God to raise up FICM-USA State Directors and for greater inroads among African-American and Latino churches.

Day Twenty: Monday, November 3

Today's Scripture: *Jeremiah 17:5-10*

Today's passage of Scripture compares and contrasts those who trust in mankind vs. those who trust in the Lord. The first brings a curse, the second a blessing. The South Central region of the U.S. is a big part of America's heartland, and is an area of strong political conservatism and national patriotism. There are a lot of good people here, but there is also a lot of pride and self-sufficiency. Only the Lord can discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart and He is able to examine the hearts of those leading mega-churches in the cities and small churches in the country. He will cut to the chase and separate the wheat from the chaff. Pray for this vast region of our nation and for Tom and Gay Nell Scarborough (Regional Director) and Joyce Pearson (Regional Prayer

Coordinator) as they seek to spread the good news of freedom here. Pray for deep humility and a yearning for grace in the hearts of church leaders. Pray for favor for our FICM-USA ministry leaders in this region. Pray that the word of freedom spreads rapidly like a prairie fire!

Day Twenty-One: Tuesday, November 4

Today's Scripture: *Psalm 85*

Today is Election Day across our land and so it is very appropriate for us to join together to pray for revival in America. I chose Psalm 85 for today's Scripture because it is a heart cry for revival and restoration. Though originally prayed on behalf of Israel, there is much in that psalm that applies poignantly to our nation as well. As Proverbs 14:34 says, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people." Pray for competent men and women of righteousness to be put into office in every state. It is our civic duty to vote; it is our heavenly calling to pray. "If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people, and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:13,14).

Day Twenty-Two: Wednesday, November 5

Today's Scripture: *Psalm 107:31-37*

The North Central region of the United States is the focus of today's prayers, a place of vast fields for growing crops and grazing livestock. It is the agricultural center of this nation but also the hub of much industry. Both segments of society...the field and the factory...can undergo natural and economic adversity or prosperity, depending upon their alignment or dis-alignment with Almighty God. Pray that this bread basket of America would be in good health and prosper even as its soul prospers (3 John 2). Pray for Rick & Sharon Cotti (Regional Directors) and Jill Prout (Regional Prayer Coordinator), as they seek to expand this message and ministry throughout this region. Pray for good soil in hearts and for a humility that comes from brokenness among church leaders. May God break strongholds of stoic, self-reliance and poverty, crime and violence and may freedom increasingly be the yearning of His people in rural, suburban and urban areas.

Day Twenty-Three: Thursday, November 6

Today's Scripture: *Isaiah 55:6-13*

Along with the Northeast region of the United States, the Northwest region is the most unchurched part of our nation. Please pray for wide open hearts and doors for the expansion of the freedom message in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. There is a strong possibility of a CFM University Practicum in Helena, MT next spring. That would be our first official CFM outpost in Big Sky country! Please be in prayer for a new local Regional Director (Tom Scarborough, who lives in Texas, is currently the "absentee landlord"). Pray also for Lindy Swanson (and her husband, Keith) as she is our Regional Prayer Coordinator and, as a couple, they are seeing inroads of the freedom message in the Salem, OR area. Pray that the Lord would turn the hearts of this region's individualistic, outdoor-loving, environmentally savvy people toward the Lord and to the true freedom that He alone, the Creator of all beauty in nature, can bring.

Day Twenty-Four: Friday, November 7

Today's Scripture: *Malachi 4*

When people back east think about the Southwest region of the United States, they think of deserts, beaches, mountains, sprawling cities, Hollywood, Las Vegas, wildfires and retirement communities. These are just part of an area of our nation which is very diverse and very strategic. Jim Learned, who now lives in Glendora, CA, serves as both Regional Director and Regional Prayer Coordinator. Pray for him as he seeks to encourage and equip CFMAs in that large chunk of American geography. Pray for State Directors for California, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada and Colorado, and City Directors in places like Denver, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco and others. Jim is hosting a retreat this weekend. Pray that God's people would be greatly encouraged and that they would leave empowered to take the "Growing Fruitful Disciples" strategy home with them. Pray for wide open doors for the message and ministry of freedom in Hispanic and Native American churches. Pray for a revival of holiness in the Church (see also Malachi 3).

Day Twenty-Five: Saturday, November 8

Today's Scripture: *Isaiah 42:10-13*

Talk about diversity! The Pacific region...consisting of the states of Alaska and Hawaii...couldn't be more diverse climatologically, geographically and ecologically. Right now there are no official FICM personnel in these two states. There is no Regional Director and no Regional Prayer Coordinator; please pray for just the right people to fill these crucial roles. Pray for the Lord to raise up His freedom laborers in these states. It's easy to forget about Alaska and Hawaii but they are as much a part of our nation as any states in the lower 48. Pray for an outpouring of God's Spirit among the First Nations peoples, Asian-Americans, Anglos and others in these two states. Ask God for a holy flame of revival in the churches and for the freedom message to catch fire with the kindling of grace and righteousness in these places.

Day Twenty-Six: Sunday, November 9

Today's Scripture: *Hebrews 1*

We are coming up on the 2/3 mark of our season of seeking God's face in prayer and fasting. And after a full week of interceding for our nation, it would be good to spend some relaxed time today just being refreshed in the presence of the Lord, worshipping and adoring Him. Today's passage of Scripture beautifully exalts the Lord Jesus Christ and should provide plenty of "fuel" for a fervent time of magnifying His holy name. Enjoy yourself on this day of rest. Thank you so much for your faithfulness and perseverance in prayer during these days. Just two weeks to go. Let's finish strong!

Day Twenty-Seven: Monday, November 10

Today's Scripture: *Matthew 21:20-22*

Our theme Scripture verses (Isaiah 57:14, 15) talk about obstacles that are put in our way to hinder the spread of the gospel of freedom. So this week we are going to focus on some specific things that I see as obstacles to the advancement of this message and ministry. The first one is the delay in our receiving here in the U.S. the North American version of the *Freedom in Christ Discipleship Course* DVDs. At least three or four times the publisher in the UK has tried to produce a master copy that plays on our North American DVD players and each time it has failed. This has taken well over a year now when it should have taken a couple of months at the most. Would you please pray that this obstacle would be removed and that whatever needs to take place to get this DVD digitally mastered in the right format and then duplicated for use over here (it was originally produced in the UK) would happen? It is a brilliant tool for the "teaching" component of our strategy, presented by our brother, Steve Goss, and we would all enjoy using it. Right now, we are missing out on it because of some tech obstacle, I

believe, orchestrated by the enemy, so let's...in prayer and fasting as needed...see this obstacle removed!

Day Twenty-Eight: Tuesday, November 11

Today's Scripture: *Colossians 1:25-29*

This next obstacle is more broad-based and is something we have battled with ever since our inception: Church leaders often view us as a "spiritual warfare" ministry and what we teach and what we do (assuming they know about us at all) is often relegated to the far backburners of church life...as a place to go for help only when people seem to be severely demonized. It's a subtle strategy of the enemy because we do help people like that, but we do much more. Every Christian needs to know his or her identity in Christ and every child of God would benefit from going through the "Steps" to experience freedom to become a growing, fruitful disciple. Please pray today that the Lord would open up wide doors to the "mainstream" of the body of Christ and that we would be seen increasingly as a valuable "discipleship" ministry as opposed to a marginalized "spiritual warfare" ministry.

Day Twenty-Nine: Wednesday, November 12

Today's Scripture: *Revelation 5:6-10*

It has long been my desire and prayer that FICM-USA would touch and impact the body of Christ in America broadly across denominational and ethnic lines. Earlier this month we asked the Lord to open doors geographically, to churches in all seven regions of the country. Today, I'm asking you to cry out to God for open doors in the vast number of denominations across this nation...Protestant, Orthodox, Pentecostal, charismatic and Catholic. Perhaps the Lord has laid a particular branch of the body of Christ on your heart. Let's believe God in prayer for open doors there. In addition, although there are wonderful exceptions, by and large this message and ministry has been a white, middle-upper middle class, evangelical work...evidenced by the demographic of most of our personnel. While continuing to ask God for open doors in this realm, could we believe Him for wide open doors in the inner city, in African-American communities, in Latino churches, in Asian-American congregations, among Native peoples, and all the other ethnic groups represented in this great "melting pot" we call the United States of America? It is time for this obstacle to the spread of this message to be removed.

Day Thirty: Thursday, November 13

Today's Scripture: *Acts 2:16-18*

This year I turned 60 (which I realize is the “new 40”), but the fact remains that much of our leadership...and especially our Board of Directors...is getting up there in years. In fact, I am now the oldest FICM president we have had. I don’t see myself as “old” (quite the contrary I might add), but I still think and relate to this world like a “redeemed baby boomer”. I am encouraged that we are seeing some younger folks come on our team as CFMAs. That is so needed. But the painful truth is that unless FICM begins to impact the younger generation of saints and younger church leaders (men and women in their 20s, 30s and 40s), we are going to eventually fade into the sunset. Today, I would like you to pray that the Lord would grant us favor with younger Christian leaders and ministries that develop them (like Cru, YWAM, Passion, etc.). I’m really serious about this and I hope you see how important this is. It is an obstacle in the way of our spreading this message, method and ministry to the next generation. Pray for younger, godly Board members. Pray, too, for Chris and Cynthia Campbell, as they seek to reach America’s youth and young adults through FICM. Pray for their new initiative, *Finding Elizabeth*, that seeks to touch the hearts of those coming out of human trafficking as well as train those who minister to these precious ones. Pray, too, for the soon-to-be-created *disciple*. teaching tool coming out of the UK (in 2015 or 2016) that seeks to reach young adults with the message of freedom. Pray that we continue to appreciate and learn from the wealth of wisdom of the many mature saints we have in FICM, while mentoring and paving the way for younger leaders to step up and eventually take their place.

Day Thirty-One: Friday, November 14

Today’s Scripture: *Philippians 2:19-30*

I am amazed at the sheer amount of work that gets done at the FICM-USA office, with very few people (just four full-time and one part-time). The truth is, however, that we need more people to work there and the lack thereof is a significant roadblock or obstacle to our ministry expanding at the rate we’d like it to. So today’s prayer request is for the Lord to raise up the right laborers to serve in the office and for the funds to be able to pay them. We specifically need help with the administration of CFM University...at first part-time and eventually full-time. The lion’s share of that work currently is on Cindy Bergenback’s plate. In addition, we could use a whole media department that is devoted to the writing, filming, and editing of CFM University courses as well as the development of other marketing tools so that the word of who we are and what we do gets out more effectively to the body of Christ. We have four CFMU courses completed with one still in process. Wouldn’t it be awesome to have four or five courses in production at any given time? This, I believe, would significantly increase

our enrollment in CFMU, our primary vehicle for training current CFMAs and expanding our number of CFMs. Thank you for your prayers for this crucial need.

Day Thirty-Two: Saturday, November 15

Today's Scripture: *2 Corinthians 9:6-15*

Back in Day Seven we asked for prayer in general for funding for FICM-USA. Today I want to give a little more detail in terms of how you can be praying for this aspect of ministry. If you have ever gone through a tight financial time in your family, you know how draining the lack of money can be, even as you sincerely seek to follow God. We have learned a lot about being frugal and being content, and know that the Lord has always used the area of finances to keep us on the cutting edge of faith. But the following are legitimate needs and, if not met, would become significant obstacles in the way of our fulfilling our God-given ministry.

Day Thirty-Three: Sunday, November 16

Today's Scripture: *Hebrews 4*

I am aware that I am becoming increasingly verbose in these prayer prompts, so today will be short and sweet. Sorry! Meditate on the Scripture verses for today and ask the Lord to enable you and all of us in FICM-USA to enter into God's rest and to minister from that place of grace, rest and trust in the Lord Jesus. When we abide in Christ, we bear much fruit, but apart from Him, we can do nothing (John 15:1-5).

Day Thirty-Four: Monday, November 17

Today's Scripture: *Psalms 145,147*

If you have persevered through these prayer prompts until now, thank you so much! We have addressed a lot of issues and you have worked hard. Now that we are entering our final week of the 40 Days of Prayer & Fasting, we want to focus on a time of refreshment. We trust these last seven days will be edifying and rewarding to you personally. Yes, we have a few items to petition the Lord about, but the majority of our time will be spent in worship, thanksgiving, confession and contemplation. May fresh freedom be yours as we come around the final turn and head down the home stretch.

There are certain psalms that I go back to time and again to worship the Lord, and the two I've listed today are a couple of my favorites. One reason is that they remind me of a lot of different aspects of God's nature. Another reason is that the second psalm has

some cool, weather-related imagery (I studied meteorology for my undergrad degree). So, worship the Lord in joyful spirit and truth today and be refreshed. Take special note of Psalm 147:3,4; these two verses together never cease to amaze me as I worship the intimate, infinite God!

Day Thirty-Five: Tuesday, November 18

Today's Scripture: *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

These three verses contain 19 words in the version of the Bible I have. That's it. If you haven't memorized them already, you could probably commit them to memory in about five minutes' time. They are short and sweet but extremely powerful commands meant to keep our hearts in the right place no matter what life hurls at us or swirls around us. *Rejoice, give thanks, pray...*all the time and in all circumstances. It's impossible to do without the enabling grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, but it's a trio of trust that can be ours increasingly in Christ. Take some time and review what is going on in your life; your immediate family; your extended family; your church; at work; etc. You might want to write down the major things on a piece of paper or in a journal. Some items will be positive and others negative. Today's Scripture does not include a disclaimer that it only applies to good things. It applies to the good, the bad and the ugly. In each instance, *rejoice* that you belong to the God who has saved you and who cares about you deeply. *Give thanks* that He is in control and that He is trustworthy. Thanksgiving demonstrates faith that Romans 8:28 is true. Then *pray* about each matter, truly leaving it in God's capable hands. Aren't you experiencing a new burst of joy and a fresh freedom for having obeyed the Lord? That's what James 1:25 promises to doers of the Word!

Day Thirty-Six: Wednesday, November 19

Today's Scripture: *Philippians 1:3-11*

There are some people that work hard for FICM-USA but we may not think about them very often, if at all. They are our publishers, namely Harvest House Publishers, Gospel Light, Monarch Books/Kregel, and Baker Publishing. I would like us to specifically ask for the Lord's blessing on them today. Something like 1.4 million copies of both *Victory Over the Darkness* and *The Bondage Breaker* have been sold in the past 25 years (and that doesn't include all the other books Neil and others have written). Can you imagine the impact of those books? Can you imagine how "hamstrung" we would be in getting

the freedom message out without our publishers? Ask the Lord for wisdom as our publishers come up with book titles, book covers, book formats; as they edit; as they make decisions on which books to publish (and not publish). Pray for prosperity for them and for good spiritual and physical health for their personnel. Ask the Lord for continued healthy relationships between our FICM-USA office staff and their office personnel. Pray they give us generous discounts! That helps us out a lot.

Day Thirty-Seven: Thursday, November 20

Today's Scripture: *Hebrews 13:7,8,17,18*

You may have wondered, “Why haven’t we prayed for the FICM-USA Board of Directors?” Well, wonder no more. Today we want to lift up all the Board members: Russ French (chair); John Fugate (vice-chair); Scott Holmquist (temporary treasurer); Carolyn Fugate (secretary); George Hurst; and Judy King. They have the God-given calling and responsibility to set the ministry vision and guard the integrity of the message and ministry of FICM. They are also ultimately responsible for the ministry financially. Please pray for great wisdom, discernment, joy, unity, transparency, courage, clarity and humility for them collectively and individually. The FICM-USA Board will be meeting in Knoxville, TN tomorrow (November 21) and Saturday (November 22). Pray for safety and health in travel and for God’s clear leading, direction, wisdom and stamina for Board members during these days. Rich Miller and Cindy Bergenback also attend the meetings though they are not voting members.

Day Thirty-Eight: Friday, November 21

Today's Scripture: *Proverbs 28:13,14*

Perhaps, if you are honest with yourself and the Lord, there are one or more areas of life in which you are stuck. Maybe it’s a relationship in which you find yourself too often blowing your cool. Perhaps it’s a part of your flesh that rears its ugly head and demands its way more often than you’d be comfortable to admit publicly. Maybe it’s a wounded place where you have so far been unsuccessful in finding your way to forgiveness and healing. Maybe it’s a place of anxiety, insecurity or fear about current conditions or future possibilities. Perhaps you’re just “down” emotionally and you can’t quite put your finger on why. It’s okay...actually, it’s more than “okay”; it’s *necessary*...to admit you’re struggling. If you are, welcome to the human race. Yes, even freedom fighters have battles for their own freedom. If this is your situation, will you admit that to God today? Will you ask Him for His clear path to freedom? And if you have been privately wrestling with this matter for a while without resolution, will you reach out and contact

someone today and ask him or her to pray for you about this? Whether you are personally struggling or not, would you pray on behalf of your FICM-USA brothers and sisters in Christ, that each would discover and courageously and humbly walk in God's plan for liberty? Pray for a fresh moving of the Spirit of liberty to "blow through" FICM-USA today.

Day Thirty-Nine: Saturday, November 22

Today's Scripture: *Romans 8:31-39*

Isn't it amazing that no matter how much we are or are not struggling spiritually, relationally, financially, emotionally, etc. God loves us just the same. His view of us does not go up and down like the Dow Jones average. Our "stock" with Him doesn't fluctuate based on our performance that day. We don't have to check the 12 noon reports to see how we're trending with Him. That grace, that complete acceptance, that total security, and that unconditional love which we have in Christ is our fullest source of joy for living. Spend today just basking in the realization that God...Father, Son and Holy Spirit...perfectly and eternally loves *you*. Let new revelations of the ramifications of that relationship wash over and refresh you today. *You* are loved. *You are* loved. You are *loved* by God who is love. What joy!

Day Forty: Sunday, November 23

Today's Scripture: *Psalms 100*

We made it! What wonderful things the Lord has done in our lives and what great and mighty works He has done in response to our prayers during these 40 days. I can't wait to see how the things that have been changed in the spiritual realm are reflected in glories to Him on earth. Today is simply a day to honor and glorify our King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ. Maybe you could listen to some of Handel's *Messiah* or some of your favorite psalms, hymns and spiritual songs today. Clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout unto God with a voice of triumph (Psalm 47:1)! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Lift up your voice to Him, don't be afraid. I chose Psalm 100 as today's Scripture because it captures the joyful, celebrative spirit of this day. But there are many, many other passages of God's word I could have selected. Feel free to jump off from this biblical "diving board" into the full waters of His word and swim and laugh and play wherever the Spirit of God leads you. You might want to go on YouTube and watch/listen to the Darlene Zschech song *Victor's Crown*. It became sort of our theme song at USA2014 and would be a fitting conclusion to this wondrous season of prayer. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice" (Philippians 4:4)!

***On behalf of all of us here at the FICM-USA office in Knoxville, thank you so much for your faithful participation in this 40 Days of Prayer & Fasting. We trust it has been an enriching experience for you and we know that things are now different because you prayed.
God's richest blessings to you in Christ!***