

Room To Pray

A Fast of Preparation for Baptist Women's Conference

Join us for our second pre-Conference fast as a way of supporting all the women who will lead and those who will attend.

We suggest four Sunday dates in April but please pick dates that will work for you and your group.

Decide how you will fast (food/people/leisure activity). Use the Scripture prompts or choose your own. If you'd like, record what God is saying to you. Share that in our Facebook group or send us an e-mail (bwoq@baptist.ca).

SCRIPTURE PROMPTS

Sunday April 7

"You didn't choose me. But I chose you. I appointed you..." John 15:16 (NLT)

As you fast this week, consider Jesus' words in John 15:16. He chose you and appointed you to bear lasting fruit. In what ways are you living out your identity as a woman chosen and appointed? Spend some time thanking God for His choosing you.

Conference prayer: Pray that women will leave the event knowing that they have been seen, heard and chosen by God.

Sunday April 14 (Palm Sunday)

"But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy." 1 Peter 1:16 (NLT)

In this verse, Peter references God's instructions to Moses. Recorded in Leviticus 19, God gives the Israelites specific actions they were to do in hot-button areas—family, finances, friendships, work, the need to control. By obeying, the Israelites would show that they **knew** God was the Lord their God.

As you fast today, ask the Lord to reveal the areas

in which you need to say: "You are the Lord, my God." Confess what you need to, then receive God's sweet forgiveness. You are chosen by God, holy and dearly loved. (Colossians 3:12)

Conference prayer: Pray that conference leaders will make space for the Lord to speak and act as they plan and then lead.

Sunday April 21 (Easter Sunday)

(This is Easter Sunday! Feel free to choose an alternate day to fast this week that works with your schedule.)

"I have called you by name; you are mine." Isaiah 43:1b (NLT)

Consider a time of complete silence during your fast this week. Ask God to call you by name. Then listen.

Conference prayer: Pray that women will be ready to listen. Pray that they will hear God's voice.

Sunday April 28

"Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people. Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help." Isaiah 58:6-7 (NLT)

On this final fasting day before the conference, reflect on Isaiah's words. They declare God's goodness to us and they also give us clarity on what we may do to declare His goodness to those around us. How has God been good to you? How are you declaring His goodness to others?

Conference prayer: Pray that God's goodness will be declared throughout the conference in amazing ways.