ReThink Possible

“With God All Things Are Possible” - Matthew 19:26

God’s desires more for you than you desire for yourself. In this Year of the Open Door, you will receive miraculous breakthrough as you push through personal distractions to go through the open door and find miracles, signs and wonders on the other side.

For the next 14 days (beginning Monday, January 6 and concluding Sunday, January 19, 2014), we will consecrate ourselves, focus concentrated attention on the Lord and receive wonderful revelation of His plans. To make the consecration most effective, prepare your heart and mind to intensify your prayers, sacrifice food and other common pleasures, and set aside more time to commune with the Lord.
Types of Fasts Recommended for this Consecration

**Liquid Fast:** This Fast is the restriction of solid food intake, and replacement of solid food with liquids. All throughout the day, make sure you drink plenty of water, as well as, fruit juices, vegetable juices, herbal teas, smoothies and broth.

**Daniel Fast:** The Daniel Fast is modeled after the spiritual practices of Daniel. Basically, the Daniel Fast is to abstain from eating meat and to eat only what comes from the ground that have not been refined or processed.

**Media Fast:** For this type of Fast, abstain from anything that would personally distract us from our purposes in the Fast (e.g. television, social media, video games, hanging out, idle conversations, texting, gossip etc.)

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Bishop Eddie L. Long and the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church advise all members and participants of this consecration to consider their personal health needs and to consult their personal physician prior to beginning this fast. Therefore, we specifically disclaim any responsibility from any physical reaction from this fast.
The Power of Fasting

1. Fasting humbles the soul before God. (Psalm 35:13)

2. Fasting chastens the heart to repent and return to the purpose of God. (Psalm 69:10-11)

3. Fasting crucifies the fleshly appetites and brings alive a hunger for God. (I. Samuel 12:16-23; Daniel 1:8)

4. Fasting expresses that God is first above all else. (I. Corinthians 7:5)

5. Fasting opens freedom from all bondage. (Isaiah 58:6)

6. Fasting brings salvation for loved ones. (Isaiah 58:7)

7. Fasting is a means for healing. (Isaiah 58:8)

8. Fasting releases God’s glory. (Isaiah 58:8)


10. Fasting guides us to divine direction. (Isaiah 58:11a)

11. Fasting brings prosperity. (Isaiah 58:11b)

12. Fasting helps us to possess the future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

13. Fasting brings restoration. (Joel 2:25-27; Exodus 22:4; II. Chronicles 7:14)

14. Fasting increases devotion. (Isaiah 50:7)

15. Fasting brings deliverance. (Mark 9:29; Isaiah 58:10)

Stretching Our Faith

Who would have thought that a young unwed mother would raise the One who would save the world? Have you ever seen a 2-piece fish dinner feed a multitude? How could a group of people walk silently around a wall and the wall fall flat?

Every record ever broken is a result of someone pushing limits. The Guinness Book of World Records is full of examples of ordinary people who accomplished extraordinary feats. They dared to defy odds, push boundaries, break barriers and go beyond the norm.

How did they do it? Every action begins with a thought. Margaret Thatcher once said,

“Watch your thoughts for they become words. Watch your words for they become actions. Watch your actions for they become habits. Watch your habits for they become your character. And watch your character for it becomes your destiny. What we think, we become.”

As we embark upon 2014, our challenge is to “ReThink Possible.” Think bigger, broader, bolder thoughts that will take you further than you or your bloodline has ever been. For the next 2 weeks, we will study the Scriptures together every day and examine the lives of other ordinary people who experienced extraordinary achievements as they stretched their faith and exercised obedience to God.
Is the life you are living worth Christ dying for? If not, ReThink Possible. “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.” (Mark 10:27)

Daily Devotionals

Day 1: Monday, January 6, 2014
International Prayer Call at 6:30 am ET
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ReThink Prayer
Joshua 10:6-14

If you are not daring to believe God for the impossible, you are shortchanging yourself and God. God Almighty is able to handle big challenges and give big results. He is God of the Impossible and He is waiting for your big bold prayers. Joshua used audacious faith to ask God to freeze time on behalf of His people and they experienced spectacular results.

What are you asking God for today?

“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.” (Luke 11:9-10)
Day 2: Tuesday, January 7, 2014

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ReThink Purpose
Exodus 3:1-14

Extraordinary moves of God always begin with ordinary acts of obedience. When God’s super collides with your natural, sparks will fly. Miracles occur with a combination of your situation and God’s expertise; and they always have a higher purpose than just displaying the spectacular. Likewise, God might choose to use dramatic experiences to garner your attention in order to reveal His intention for you to make a difference.
Will you obey His instructions and do what He says?

“In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” (Genesis 22:18)

Day 3: Wednesday, January 8, 2014

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ReThink Your Ability
Joshua 1:1-5
If you want to see God do something impossible in your life, you have to catch His vision and see it the way God sees it. Seize His perspective. He does not see you as not able, He sees you as well able. He does not see obstacles hindering you, He sees you in the Promised Land. God has given you a command and He expects you to carry it out courageously. The good news is that He is with you every step of the way. You can do it! Say out loud, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13)

Will you accept the charge?

“He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ So we may boldly say: The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?” (Hebrews 13:5b, 6)

Day 4: Thursday, January 9, 2014

ReThink Perhaps
I Samuel 14:1-6

“Perhaps the Lord will do a miracle for us” (I Samuel 14:6). Moving out on a ‘maybe’ can prove profitable when the hunch came from God. He does not always show us the entire outcome at the outset; but instead gives us a glimmer of hope. Sometimes, God simply drops a ‘maybe’
or a ‘perhaps’ in our spirit that will prompt us to put our faith in God to the test. Having faith does not mean there is no ambiguity or uncertainty. It simply means that I believe God’s promise is bigger than my perhaps. When there is a decent chance and an interesting possibility that my impulse might be from God, it is time to investigate His promises and stand boldly on them. You will know God’s will by doing God’s will. Will you act on a ‘perhaps’ and give God an opportunity to demonstrate His power?

“No hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” (Romans 5:5)

Day 5: Friday, January 10, 2014

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ReThink Expectation
Matthew 14:22-31

Some people say, “Hope for the best, but expect the worst”, but why would you have a negative expectation and think you will have a positive outcome? Your expectation is your belief that what you are hoping for will actually happen and you will have what you say. The challenge today is to make sure that your thoughts, words,
and actions are all synchronized with your expectation. At Jesus’ word to “Come,” Peter stepped out of the boat in full expectation of walking on the water. He was successful until fear gripped him and changed his thoughts and ultimately his body followed. Jesus is calling you today. Will you step out in faith?

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1)

Day 6: Saturday, January 11, 2014

ReThink the Name of the Lord
I. Kings 18:17-39

In the midst of taunts from unbelievers, when it seems that they are getting ahead despite their lack of faith in God, remember that God never ends on a negative. That is why you must write (declare) the vision that God gives you. In the end, it will speak and it will not lie. We serve a supernatural God with supernatural power that supersedes the natural realm. When there is a conflict with the forces of darkness and the power of God’s light, remember that light always overtakes, dominates and eliminates darkness. Call on the name of the Lord and you will find that “Greater is He that is in you, than He that is in the world” (I. John 4:4). There is power in His Name!
Whose report will you believe?

“At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:10-11)

Day 7: Sunday, January 12, 2014

**ReThink What You See**

I. Kings 18:41-46

In the absence of evidence, rely on what you heard. What was the last thing God told you? Be careful not to let what you see (or don’t see) sway you from what you heard. Even if there is no change, have faith in God. He cannot lie. ReThink the possibility that the manifestation is forming and maturing right now. Your hearing shall turn into sight. Job said, “I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You” (Job 42:5). Will you keep looking out for the promise?

“Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.” (Isaiah 30:21)
Day 8: Monday, January 13, 2014

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ReThink What You Have
II. Kings 4:1-7

When it seems that all is lost, look for what’s left! In today’s text, a dear lady found herself without a husband and without money. Just when she reached the point of giving up, a prophet helped her to “ReThink” the possibility that she and her sons could survive. She reaped great dividends with a God-given business plan and investment capital that she hadn’t even realized she possessed. Suddenly, this single parent became a successful debt-free entrepreneur who never had to worry about money another day in her life because she changed her perspective from focusing on what was lost, to what was left. Take a look around and take a look within. Then ask God to reveal to you untapped, underutilized or missed opportunities for your talents, abilities, gifts, possessions and resources.

What do you have in your house?

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.” II. Corinthians 9:8
Day 9: Tuesday, January 14, 2014

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ReThink the Method
II. Kings 5:1-14

Wallace Willis was enslaved by a Choctaw Native American family in Oklahoma. As he worked in the cotton fields near the Red River in the 1840’s, he could be heard singing, “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.” He was inspired to write the song because the Red River reminded him of the Jordan River and Elijah being taken to heaven when a chariot of fire appeared. On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation and Wallace Willis, along with millions of other slaves, became a free man. His breakthrough did not come the same way that Elijah’s did. There was no whirlwind and no chariot of fire. God had another, less dramatic plan in mind. Wallace Willis did not go to heaven that day, but in a way, he received heaven on earth. Sometimes Jesus healed with a word, other times He healed with a touch, and once He even spat on the ground and made mud to heal a blind man’s eyes. The Lord can do what He wants to do, how He chooses to do it.

Are you flexible enough to accept a different method for your breakthrough?
“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8-9

Day 10: Wednesday, January 15, 2014

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ReThink Influence
Esther 8:7-14

“Who knows if you have come into the kingdom for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14) With the ball in their court, Mordecai and Queen Esther did not make self-preservation their ultimate goal. Instead, they used their influence to benefit others. They exercised their authority to make decisions for the greater good; and they utilized their power to give power to others. Not only were the Jews saved because of Mordecai and Queen Esther, but they also received the right to be armed and equipped to defend themselves. Make sure your influence helps others and does not leave them defenseless but empowers them to be fully equipped.

How will you utilize your influence to help others?

“Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? Is it
not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and hide not yourself from your own flesh.” Isaiah 58:6-7

Day 11: Wednesday, January 16, 2014

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ReThink Timing
Genesis 21:1-3

God always has the last say and He always gets the last laugh. Abraham laughed when God told him that he and Sarah would have a child at a set time in the coming year (Genesis 17:21). At ages 100 and 90, Abraham decided that it was too late. Sarah laughed too (Genesis 18:12), but God was not amused. In fact, He asked them a serious question, “Is anything too hard for the Lord?” Apostle Guillermo Maldonado once said, “The secret to flowing in miracles is knowing God’s time to manifest them and always expecting something to happen.” God gave Abraham and Sarah the miracle He promised, just when He said it would happen. Guess what their son Isaac’s name means? “Laughter!”

Is there anything too hard for the Lord?

“You will arise and have mercy on Zion; for the time to favor her, yes, the set time, has come.” Psalm 102:13
Day 12:  Friday, January 17, 2014

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ReThink the Fight
I. Samuel 17:45-51

ReThink the fight. ReThink the victory. You are more than a conqueror. Like David, recall battles that you have won before and let your own testimonies build your faith in God. Take on the spirit of an overcomer and come over those mountains that face you. Your confidence must not rest in your size, ability or intellect. Spiritual warfare is not won by brawn or brains. “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12). The battle is not yours, it is the Lord’s and He always wins. In fact, He already won! Our confidence is in His finished work. Jesus Christ “disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.” (Colossians 2:15)

If God is for us, who can be against us?

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” Romans 8:37
Day 13: Saturday, January 18, 2014

ReThink Success
Genesis 26:12-25

If Arthur Ashe was correct, “Success is a journey, not a
destination; the doing is often more important than the
outcome.” Diligence pays off in multiple dividends. As
you sow, you reap and gain more to sow for the next
round. Each successive victory should be celebrated.
What successes have you experienced along the path to
your goals? Take a moment and thank God for each
lesson learned, every step in the right direction and every
mid-course correction. Success breeds success. Keep
moving forward.

How am I growing in the process of reaching toward my
goals?

“The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you
by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have
come for refuge.” Ruth 2:12
Day 14: Sunday, January 19, 2014

ReThink Unity
Joshua 6:1-7

We are better together. There are some victories that are only accomplished as we stand together in obedience to God. When everyone does what is right in their own eyes, there is chaos; but when we follow God-given leadership and respond with one voice we receive the blessing from the Lord. ReThink the possibility that YOU are necessary in the Body of Christ as an integral part of the Kingdom of God! Today, let’s recommit ourselves to the Lord, submit to the leaders He has put in place and complete our individual assignments well, so that we can experience a great corporate victory that blesses everyone and our generations to come.

Are you the missing link?

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing – life forevermore.” Psalm 133:1-3