

# **RELENTLESS: 180 DEGREES**

180 Day Pilgrimage – The First Pilgrimage began: February 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 You set the dates for yours - keep the waves of worship going

**HEART PURPOSE:** To relentlessly and carefully [in awe, love and gratitude] seek You, LORD

**HEART CRY:** Teach me Your ways O LORD so I may know You

**HEART'S DESIRE:** I want to know You deeper – To follow You closer – To see Your glory

WHAT IS 180 DEGREES? 180 DEGREES is a 180-Day Pilgrimage that sends you out to abide in and respond to the reality of God's love and holy presence. The path is holy and walked out in true worship in spirit and in truth. It begins with your expressed love and desire for the LORD and His presence, but only true humility and courage will take you down the path to where your heart burns in holy fear to become a resting place for the LORD. This time is a relentless pursuit of the LORD Jesus, liken it to a betrothal. Keep in mind, as you draw near to Him - you will be transformed.

NOTE: The biblical Hebraic understanding of betrothal: When agreement to marry had been entered into, "it was definite and binding. In strict accordance with the rabbinical law declares that the betrothal is equivalent to an actual marriage and only to be dissolved by a formal divorce. After the betrothal a period of twelve months was allowed to pass before the marriage was completed by the formal home-taking". Quote from Jewish Encyclopedia

**THE PATH** begins at the crossroads. Ask for the Ancient Path. Stand, look and listen. You will be sent the LORD's Holy Guide - God's Spirit, to accompany you on this journey. Follow Him and trust that even when the path turns steep, you will find rest for your soul - for Yahweh, the LORD of Hosts is with you. The path is the way of love, humility and obedience. The quest is to behold Jesus and worship Him. There is no other motive. At the onset of this journey listen and hear Yahweh's heart call to you and use it as a compass.

"Tell the people: This is what the LORD of hosts says: 'Return to me,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'that I may return to you".

Zechariah 1:3

"Beloved, can you not discern this new day of destiny breaking forth around you? The early signs of my purposes and plans are bursting forth. The budding vines of new life are now blooming everywhere. The fragrance of their flowers whispers, "There is change in the air." Arise, my love, my beautiful companion, [come away with me] and run with me to the higher place. For, now is the time to arise and come away with me".

Songs of Songs 2:13-15

WHY 180 DEGREES? 180 Degrees gives a picture of RETURNING and invites you into an extended time to intentionally respond to the LORD's love and greatest desires for you;

- "Return to Me" The LORD calls His people to return to Him 32 times in scripture
- "Come away with Me." This is the call of the Bridegroom" Song of Solomon 2:15

In the Strong's Concordance, the word "Return" is a verb meaning to turn back, to return, to answer, to be restored. 180 degrees pictures the action and reposition. It's an about-face, a turning back. It figuratively means to repent; to completely change your mind, idea, focus or direction back to God. This journey is about extravagant love and your willingness to turn away from anything that would separate you from Jesus, the Lover of your soul.

#### WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT 180 DEGREES?

- 180 DEGREES is a pilgrimage of worship rather than a traditional prayer and fasting initiative.
- It's a trail marked by joy, repentance, transformation and mission.
- It's about knowing/trusting Yahweh and living triumphantly in Him in your true identity and calling.
- It's about the harvest, living free and released to love and bless others in Jesus name.

#### **HOW DO I WALK THIS PATH?**

- Walk freely [without striving] Throughout the 180 days be mindful of God's presence and take opportunities and time to respond to Him with worship and love fueled obedience. Through your times of worship you may find that the LORD speaks to you listen and respond. Be prepared for Him to give you His heart for the poor [emotionally, physically, spiritually] and reach out in practical ways to help. Give generously to the LORD and others. Just as we are encouraged to receive all that the LORD has for us, even so He says, "Freely you have received now freely give." Matthew 10:8
- Seek the LORD passionately with confident trust in Him.
- With Joy and Gratitude Rejoice, pray, give thanks this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thes 16-18
- Read and meditate upon God's word Note what catches your attention, what words are being repeated or highlighted to you and then ask God's Holy Spirit what He is saying or showing you. John 14:26, tells us that He will teach us all things. Suggestion: When you pack for the journey don't forget a journal and pen.
- Reflect upon what the LORD has done Remember the LORD's faithfulness, His promises to you and what He has revealed and shown you. Also, on busy days don't worry. At the end of the day simply reflect over your day. Look for the times you were most grateful for and give thanks. Then look to see if there were difficult times in your day. Ask the LORD to help you reconcile these times through understanding, repentance, forgiveness, and then rest in His mercy and love.
- Rest Cease from work so He can refresh you.
- <u>Keep Alert and be aware</u> the enemy will be enraged at your advancement along this path put on your armour, ask people to be covering you in prayer and take up your spiritual weapons which are divinely powerful to effectively dismantle demonic strongholds. 2 Corinthians 10:4



KNOW THE TIME AND SEASONS: This year is 5780 on the Hebrew calendar, the year that ushers in the decade of the mouth. It is time to vocalize. Let us open our mouths with songs of adoration and thanksgiving, prayers and decrees, praise and declarations of His word which is Truth. With this new era there is also the sense that we are in an appointed time, a time of fullness that brings the long-awaited breakthrough of the LORD SUDDENLY. Things thought impossible turn around and God makes them possible! It's time to believe and decree God's word to bring about the 180 Degree shifts [turn arounds] in any area or sphere where you see the breakthrough of God's will and Kingdom are needed. WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE! "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?" [Jeremiah 23:29]

**PREPARATION FOR THE JOURNEY:** Clothe yourself with love for the LORD – your worship is the weapon! As you worship, the LORD's Holy Guide will teach and direct you to embrace 7 weapons within your worship. These will cover you with the knowledge of God, His protection and the victory that is yours in Him!

Now Go in His name armed in worship and knowing that His presence is in you and goes with you.

WEAPONS OF WORSHIP: Worship extravagantly as a lifestyle because of Abba's extravagant love for you.

1] LOVE: Choose the greatest and most excellent way. But first pause. Pause to believe, receive and rejoice [as if for the first time] in your Abba Father's love for you. Remember that even before the foundations of the earth He chose you. He chose you to be holy and blameless in His sight and in love He pre-destined you to be adopted as His sons/daughter through Jesus Christ in accordance with His pleasure and will. Pause again and hear His words to you; "Beloved my banner over you is love. You are my son/daughter in whom I love and in whom I am well pleased." You are rooted and established in love — in this journey may you come to know in new width and breadth and depth the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled of all the fullness of God. Breathe in like air - the love of God for you. Fill your lungs and your inner most being with His love — for in it, you will be satisfied, complete and a carrier of His glorious gospel. From this place of fullness, you are made ready.

**Love God** in spirit and truth, whole heartedly, willing to go, willing to wait, quick to enquire, quick to listen, quick to repent, and quick to follow with the ancient response of devotion, "Hineni, Here I am LORD. I am listening. Let it be done to me according to thy word.

**Love Others**: Clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Be tolerant of one another, forgive and of course – love, for this binds all things together in perfect unity.

On this path of worship, you surely will meet up with other pilgrims. Some you may just greet in the passing; others will walk with you part of the way and perhaps some will walk the full distance beside you. Rejoice in the comradery of each, they are for your encouragement and may help you see and hear the LORD more fully. Pray and ask the LORD if there is someone/s He would like you to ask to journey with you. Either way be blessed!

**2] YOUR SWORD** – **THE WORD OF GOD** is a lamp to your feet and gives light to your path. It keeps your ways pure as you seek the LORD with all your heart. Ask Him for understanding. Meditate [to become absorbed in thought, to think about something carefully and thoroughly] on what He highlights to you. You have chosen the way of Truth. Be blessed and run – for Yahweh has set your heart free. [Psalm 119]

Sword Sharpeners: 1] Pray and read scripture aloud. Consider the 180-Day Reading Plan provided. Reading for 20 minutes a day will take you through the whole bible in 180 days. 2] Study, meditate and enquire of the LORD as to what He is saying/showing you. 3]Bless the LORD at all times and give testimony of His greatness, faithfulness and love, speak truth in love. 4]Speak blessing over others: Blessing is a Kingdom value and principle. The LORD said to Abram, "I will bless you...and you will be a blessing.... I will bless those who bless you...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:1-3

### Questions for the journey

What do You want me to see?
What are You saying to me Jesus?
What is Your heart cry in this Jesus?
How are You praying for this Jesus so I can join you?
What is Your desire Jesus for this situation and I will do it?
What are you calling me to guard? What is your word to bring this about?

**Prayer:**" LORD, open my ears to hear Your word and my heart to yield to Your will. Cloak me with humility and wisdom from heaven. Teach me the fear of the LORD that I would be one who trembles at your word and lives by it as a plumb-line in all that I think, do and say.

- 3] THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB: Revelations 12:11a tells us. "They conquered [overcame] him [satan] completely through the blood of the Lamb and the powerful word of His testimony." Ask for revelation about the blood of Jesus. Look up scriptures. Keep this weapon sharp and use it frequently, both in prayer and as an act of worship by taking communion. Consider taking communion a few times a week or perhaps even daily if you are so led. Do this predominantly on your own but also enjoy the agreement and company of others. As you remember Christ's shed blood, rejoice and give thanks for the power and benefits which flow out from it. Think about the difference that it has made in you and your life. As your desire is to know God and experience His presence, keep yourself open and vulnerable before the LORD. Pray like King David did, "Search me O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting, [in the ancient way] on the path of life." Psalm 139:23-24
- **4] FASTING:** In Joel 2:12 the LORD declares, "Even now, return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." It's very interesting to see God's call of "Return to me" connected to responses He desires from us the first one being, fasting. Although this is in the context of sin and godly sorrow, for this pilgrimage let us focus on fasting as a weapon of sacrifice that acts as a physical declaration to the LORD that we hunger for Him above all else. In this act of worship may Yahweh see us returning to Him whole heartedly, loving Him with all our heart, mind and soul and hungry for His presence. On this pilgrimage, if you have no health issues, as an act of worship please consider fasting from all food, 1 day a week throughout the 180 days. As you feel the stirrings of physical hunger, pray for the LORD to increase your hunger for Him and His will. Be challenged and encouraged by Jesus' words, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me." John 4:34

**Quote from,** "The Torch and the Shield," by Rick Joyner: "It is not possible to walk as we are called without a personal encounter with the LORD every day. We need a holy addiction to His presence so that He becomes more important to us than oxygen."

# Quote from The Gadite Track, by Sara Maynard, Canadian-wide Redleaf Prayer Ministries:

"Fasting is like the nuclear weapon of prayer, and yet we will try anything other than this simple tool that has historically always been a part of victorious Christians' lives. Neil Anderson calls our love of food, the root, or the 'granddaddy' of all the appetites of the flesh. If we deal with this one, all the other lusts can be brought into submission."

**5] ONENESS WITH GOD AND OTHERS:** This is <u>all about our relationship and position in Christ.</u> It is important to remember that from the very beginning we were created to walk with the LORD. In John 15:4, Jesus instructs us to, "Abide in Him and He will abide in us." The word ABIDE "signifies progressively to; wait, remain, lodge, sojourn, dwell, continue, endure" [International Standard Bible Encyclopedia]

W. Tozer wrote in His book "The Dwelling Place of God", "God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship Him in spirit and truth. [John 4:23-24] Here the nature of worship is shown to be wholly spiritual. <u>True religion is</u> removed from diet and days, from garments and ceremonies, and placed where it belongs, in the union of the spirit of man with the Spirit of God"

Imbedded in John 17, is the mystery of this union with God. Jesus prays this for all believers, "Father just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us - I in them and You in me". Jesus' heart cry and prayer to the Father for us is that, "we might be one" with Him and the Father and with one another. Oneness is our LORD's desire and one prayer that remains yet unanswered. Why? John tells us in verse 22 that, He has given us the glory that the Father gave Him that we may be one as He and the Father are one. Why then are we not walking in oneness? That's a good question to personally ask the LORD. We must also recognize that our oneness would be as an atomic bomb in the enemy's camp. Psalm 133 refers to unity/oneness as the place where God bestows His blessings and likens it to a priestly anointing. Oneness also is unto harvest. Listen and ask for revelation of Jesus' words in John 17:21-23, "that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one. <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

# 6] REST Is a Kingdom principle/rhythm of life, a command and a sign

"By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so, on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy..." Genesis 2:2-3

<u>"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.</u> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God..." Genesis 20:8-10

"<u>I gave you the Sabbath as a sign between us,</u> so they would know that I the LORD made you holy." Ezekiel 20:12

Ask the LORD to help you embrace this holy gift in your week, to cease working and respond to His call to you, "Come with Me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." [Mark 6:31] Look up scriptures on rest.

7] **PEACE – SHALOM:** "Shalom only comes when the authority connected with chaos and confusion is destroyed. Therefore when you speak out the word shalom, you are uttering a prophetic prayer that someone will come and destroy the one causing the chaos and confusion." [Ancient Hebrew pictograph, Livingword in 3D] Only Jesus has this authority and power – the Prince of Peace, the LORD, who is mighty to save. Fix your eyes upon Him and take to heart His words.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." [John 14:27] Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to Me. And My peace, which transcends all understanding, will guard your heart and your mind. [Philippians 4:6-7] You will keep in perfect and constant peace when your mind is steadfast that is, committed and focused on Me—in both inclination and character, because you trust and take refuge in Me with hope and confident expectation." Isaiah 26:3 Amplified Bible

**IT'S TIME:** If the LORD is calling you to relentless worship please speak out this declaration:

It is time for me to take You LORD, at Your word and to live in the goodness of Your presence. It is time for me to wake up and rise up in You Jesus. It is time for me to follow after You to the high places. I now present myself to You, Hineni – Here I am LORD, to worship and love you and to love others in Your name. I come to You humbly and in all my weaknesses, prove Your strength perfect. Fill me with the fire of Your love and I will run with You confidently, because You are with me. You are in me, I am in You and You are in the Father. Lead me out in triumphant procession and in You, I will go out in joy and be led forth in peace.

## WAIT! THERE IS ONE MORE THING - A PURIM REQUEST FROM THE BOOK OF ESTHER CHAPTER 1:4

"The author's central purpose was to record the institution of the annual festival of Purim and to keep alive for later generations the memory of the great deliverance of the Jewish people. The LORD gave His people rest from their enemies." [Bible Study Tools] It is interesting to note, this story of God's faithfulness and deliverance came on the heels of King Xerxes giving a banquet for the princes, nobles and leaders from the 127 provinces he ruled over. We are told that, "For a full 180 days he displayed the vast wealth of his kingdom and the splendor and glory of his majesty." The Young's Literal Translation writes, "In his shewing the wealth of the honour of his kingdom, and the glory of the beauty of his greatness, many days -- eighty and a hundred days."



**Request:** Jesus, King of kings and LORD of Lords, You are the joy and the strength of my heart. I dedicate these 180 days of worship to You. Each action of my worship is my pledge to love and trust You. I ask for nothing but to gaze upon the beauty of Your greatness and the splendor and glory of Your majesty. Help me behold You and Your Kingdom. Here I am; asking – seeking - knocking.

You are sent out with this prayer: The LORD has seen your devotion." May God Himself, the Heavenly Father of our LORD Jesus Christ release grace over you and impart total well-being into you. Know that every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm has already been lavished upon you, a love gift from your wonderful heavenly Father. Know also that He chose you to be His very own, joining you to Himself even before He laid the foundation of the universe. Because of His great love for you, he ordained you so that you would be seen as holy in His eyes with an unstained innocence. For it was always in His perfect plan to adopt you as His, for you are delightful in His sight through your union with Jesus. Take time and seek the LORD like you never have before. You will find Him. Know Beloved, when you call on Him, when you "come away with Him and pray to Him - He listens. Go now and may your heart find that your greatest need, your greatest hunger and your greatest desire is for Him, the LORD, God Almighty. Find also that it is He that is your very great reward.

**DATES FOR THE 180 DEGREES:** The first Pilgrimage began February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. You are now encouraged to consider setting your own dates. This offers not only flexibility but is a strategy that has the potential to organically activate waves of worship — souls awakening and turning back to the LORD — responsive and yearning for His presence — the Bride making herself ready.

## PROPHETIC VOICES FOR THIS TIME WE ARE IN

**James Goll**: "Prayer and fasting precedes the latter rain of the Holy Spirit-and the time to take action is NOW! I encourage you to participate through whatever application the LORD gives you...A call to consecration with prayer and fasting is marching forward"

**Dutch Sheets:** "There is a united call to prayer and fasting unto revival to turn the tide in this nation and beyond, declaring the beginning of the Third Great Awakening."

**David Damien:** "2020 is a consecrated year, as a first fruits of this new decade. There is a sacred call being heralded out of the very bosom of God to all nations, tribes, people and tongues, to return to the purity and simplicity of holy devotion to the King. The Holy Spirit is consuming the Global Bride with the fire of undivided love for Jesus and gathering the global harvest. As the pure worship of Heaven and that of the earth align as one, there is a supernatural sound released in the universe that carry the very essence, glory and power of God Himself to establish His Kingdom here, as it is in Heaven."