

Letter from Pastor Alex



Did you know that God identifies his followers as a royal priesthood? So, for OctoberFast this year, our theme is the priesthood of all believers.

Through the preaching of the word, studying together at Wednesday Night Bible Study, and our own personal study times, we will learn from a group of passages about this part of our identity. My hope is that at the end of the month, we will all feel more grounded in our identity and more connected to one another.

During this OctoberFast, as we feel physical hunger, let it remind us that our identity is connected to the One who created and sustains us. Our regular events like Wednesday night bible study, Friday morning 4th Watch prayer, and Sunday worship will bring us together for encouragement as we fast and pray. The prayer room will also be open and I encourage you to schedule some time there to meet with God. We'll conclude our fast with a light meal and a special worship time during our "Lawd-Have-Mercy" week.**

Our physical hunger may test our eagerness for godly transformation so let's remind each other to seek God for a renewed mind and clarified purpose. Throughout the fast, instead of conforming to temptations and unhelpful habits let's instead seek God's kingdom and declare God's wonderful deeds. Let's consider fasting as an act of worship and an avenue of discernment.

I can't wait to be in these spaces with you. My prayers are that you will know God's love for you, and that this fast will root you in the Way of Jesus so you become a fountain of life that overflows in godliness. May our all-wise God guide our steps, fill our worship, and bless our unity as we enter to worship and exit to serve—together.

With love in Christ,
Pastor Alex

** For years at FOL, this is what we called the final + most challenging week of OctoberFast.