

BACK TO THE BASICS

Leader Conversation Guide – Back to the Basics (Part II):

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Steve continued our Back to the Basics series by reminding us about the power of words. God's character and the truth of His Word can come alive in our life in a powerful way. Through the power of our words in prayer, we are speaking life in to the circumstances around us. We are called to be vessels that shine the light of Christ into the dark world around us.

**The entrance of Your words gives light;
It gives understanding to the simple.**

PSALM 119:130

Make It Practical - Prayer and Fasting is:

1. An assumed practice
2. A means of seeking God
3. A focus on saying yes to God

We have the natural tendency to be overfilled with the things of the world. Fasting returns us to original intent... a vessel of honor.

2 Timothy 2:21 - "Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter (being unfit), he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work."

Talk About It

- What part of this message impacted you the most?
- In what ways can you better commit to prayer and fasting in 2024?
- What are you doing to participate in Victory's 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting?

**“Sticks and stones may break my bones,
but words will either bring life or death.”**

Prayer

Father, thank You for the gift of Your light. Thank You for speaking life into existence. Help us to use our words to reflect Your light to others in our lives. Holy Spirit, guide our words as we seek to please You in what we say. Keep us strong in our commitment to fasting and keeping our focus on You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Leader Tip

Remind Group leaders about the declaration Pastor Steve shared with us: “I'm going to be intentional and focus on clarity from God. For 21 days I will set aside time to pray while denying myself of some things that are part of my normal day to day life, like certain food and entertainment. I know that words are powerful, and I want my words to align with the light of Jesus living in me.”