

Our 2026 Teshuvah Focus:

Romans 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Well, it's that time of the year again. **"40 Days of Teshuvah Fast!"** The sound of the shofar at Rosh Hashanah, the great 12th-century Jewish thinker Moses Maimonides wrote, is a wake-up call for the soul. The Hebrew Bible sees Teshuvah as principally a return to God. "Come, let us return to the Lord," the prophet **Hosea (14:2)** tells the people of Israel. **"Transgression sickened the soul and Teshuvah is the cure, a return to full spiritual and moral health."** Teshuvah is the central theme of the time between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, known collectively as the "Ten Days of Teshuvah." Typically, Teshuvah is translated from the Hebrew word as repentance, but it means to return, as if turning back to something you've strayed or looked away from. Because it is believed that this is the time of year for heavenly decisions, judgment, and answered prayer, Jews are motivated to pursue God and renew their commitment to Him more than at any other time of year. **In essence, they prepare for what is about to happen; something is about to be birthed.** Thus, the weeks leading up to and including Rosh Hashana – Judgment Day – and the day when those judgments are sealed – Yom Kippur – are called Yamim Teshuvah "days of repentance." It is considered that it is during this time of national repentance that the "gates of heaven" are open even more than at any other time of the year.

Last year's prayer and fasting focus was: **Praying Consecration prayers that empower us to surrender to the will of God with bold faith, confronting all issues of our heart and mind that conform every part of us to God.**

Rom 13:11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. **12** The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. **13** Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. **14** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. NKJV

There should be care, concern, and a commitment to **Praying together** for our Families, Friends, & even our foes during Teshuvah Prayers and Fasting. We must use all of the principles of war to see and experience prayers with fervency for "Breakthroughs" of salvations, rededications, and healings of all types...physical, emotional, and relational. I'm asking our Church Family to

make sacrifices, rearrange calendars, and join our Forces to make Tremendous Power available!

Our 2026 Teshuvah Focus: “Retrain—Retain; Reassign; And / Or Release”

It is that time again. Each year, I seek the Lord concerning the purpose and direction of our yearly fast. After prayer and seeking Him, I believe the Lord is leading us into a focused season of spiritual alignment, rebuilding, and preparation.

I also reached out to my spiritual father, Dr. Halvorson. We met and talked for four hours as I shared with him what I sensed concerning the fast. To my surprise, he said, “I will be joining the fast this year too.” He also affirmed that what I received was truly from the Lord.

Nutshell Explanation

Over the past several years, our church has been in a significant season of transition. I want to remind you of what God said: we would have a “Nehemiah Experience.” At first, I believed that once the Pharaoh spirit was defeated and we were released into our new church building, all we would need to do was build the new walls.

However, I now realize that I misinterpreted part of the prophetic revelation. I did not miss God, because we did receive the building, and the physical work is in progress. But God was showing us something much deeper: the rebuilding would not only be about a building; it would be about the rebuilding of our lives and the entire church.

Prophetic Revelation

God saw everything we would go through—the tests, the attacks, and the process of transition. Yet after all of it, He revealed that Greater Works would come forth. The revelation is this: the whole entire church would be rebuilt.

I have had more than thirty-four meetings, seeking wisdom from a leader with over fifty-six years of pastoral experience who shepherds a church of more than 2,000 members (Dad-Dr. H.). I have also been studying principles from Sam Chand’s work on leadership, structure, and organizational health.

As we approach nearly thirty years of ministry, rebuilding will require intentional focus on three essential keys:

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- **Systems** — the processes that help the ministry function with clarity and consistency.
- **Structures** — the people and leadership alignment needed for the next phase.
- **Schedules** — the priorities that determine how we steward time, energy, money, and assignment.

Also, I met with our leadership team and reviewed the book *Bigger, Faster Leadership* by Sam Chand. We gained valuable inspiration and insight regarding our next steps and the future rebuilding of Greater Works Church. In fact, I have included some of the information we read from the book.

“Sam Chand, Bigger, Faster, Leadership, book page 42, insert:

The French canal project was a disaster in every possible way. By the late 1800’s, the dream of engineering a path across Central America seemed hopeless, **but Theodore Roosevelt still believed.** The need was as great as ever—even greater because trade had increased exponentially in the previous decades. When he became president, Roosevelt essentially asked two questions about the canal:

Can we do this?

And do we have the right people to accomplish it?

(Perhaps no other leader in American history had as much self-confidence as Theodore Roosevelt. He had an indomitable, can-do spirit—even genuine joy in facing the biggest problems of his day. He had a powerful blend of optimism and tenacity. What was the source of these traits? He had overcome severe asthma as a child and a frail body as a young man. He had endured the death of his mother and wife on the same day, just after the birth of his first child. These heartaches threatened to destroy him, but eventually they made him more resilient. Where others saw defeat and doubt, Roosevelt saw opportunity. The French failure in Panama didn’t scare him. He had complete confidence in America’s capabilities to go anywhere, face any challenge, and overcome every obstacle.)

His answer to **the first question** was undoubtedly, “Of course we can!” Like every great leader, Roosevelt never employed the word *enough*; for him, **there was always “more.”** When we experience significant setbacks, we may wonder if the dream is dead. We need to dig deep to find that blend of optimism and tenacity. We ask ourselves, “Is the need still there? Is the vision still alive? Can we find a way to fulfill it?”

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Halfhearted statements won't do. The people around us need to see in our eyes and hear in our voices affirmation that **we still believe**—we believe the need must be met, **we believe we** are the people who can lead the effort, and **we believe in** the people around us.

The second question is often much harder to answer. When leaders look at the people around them, they need to decide who to **retain**, who to **reassign**, and who to **release**. They consider each person's **attitude** and **capacity**—not how well a person fits in a specific role in **the new, expanded vision (GWC REFRESH & REBUILD VISION OF THE LORD)**. I often use the metaphor of a ladder to illustrate the leader and a team. A person can climb only a few feet up a ladder with no one holding the ladder. He can climb higher if he has someone steadying it, but he can climb much higher if he has enough strong, attentive, skilled people holding the ladder. In fact, if he has **the right people**, he can get a much taller ladder. The question for every leader is, who is holding your ladder?

Sam Chand also writes:

Many teams in business and churches are little more than collections of individuals who come together to receive directions and give reports to the leader. A high-functioning team is very different. The leader's first task is to provide clarity about the vision: What pressing need are we meeting? How are people's lives going to be substantially better because of us? When the team is gripped with a vision to meet this kind of need, they become passionate to accomplish it. And if two or three of them aren't, it becomes obvious.

The leader's next responsibility is to enlist each person on the team to work together (17 Essential Qualities of an Effective Teamplayer) to craft a workable, comprehensive, cohesive plan so every aspect of the organization is dedicated to meet the need. This is the work of alignment, so that team members complement each other's efforts instead of competing. Their plans form a cohesive whole, and their hearts are in tune with one another.

He goes on to say, "The leader's objective is to melt and mold a diverse bunch of individuals into a group of people who trust each other, cooperate with each other, and communicate well and often with each other. They all understand the unique contribution each team member makes. They have a common purpose, a common passion, and a common strategy.

He goes on to say, Most leaders are somewhere in the middle of the process of creating this kind of alignment on their teams. In fact, some may have to first overcome confusion about the organization's purpose, misunderstandings, resentments, erode trust, and these cancers must be removed so that healing

can begin.... The real barrier to alignment comes from suspicion and competition, no matter how homogeneous or diverse team members may be. (pgs. 144-145)

Explanation:

For some time now, I have been sharing that I believe the Lord has given us a mandate to restructure the entire church so that we can move forward in fulfilling every promise, prophecy, prophetic word, and vision spoken over us. God has said that we would have a Nehemiah experience. However, there have been areas where the enemy came in and brought hindrance, including ministries such as God's Covenant Men, God's Total Women, Singles & Young Adults, and several of our teams. Because of this, each ministry and team will require prayerful restructuring, including changes in leadership where needed.

I have also shared repeatedly how the Lord impressed upon my heart the need to identify possibly three to five leaders who, in a sense, will help "hold the ladder" as we go higher and shift into God's assignments for this house. As a church family, we will seek the Lord together concerning the five keys I have outlined below.

But remember, **Romans 11:29** in the Greek New Testament reads:

"ἀμεταμέλητα γὰρ τὰ χαρίσματα καὶ ἡ κλήσις τοῦ θεοῦ" (For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable). The core Greek words in this verse focus on God's free grace, His divine invitation, and His unchanging mind.

Key Greek Words

- **Charismata (χαρίσματα)**
 - *Root word:* Charis (grace or favor).
 - *Definition:* Free gifts, unearned favor, or acts of grace given by God.
 - *Usage:* Refers to the generous blessings and spiritual endowments bestowed by God without human merit.

- **Klesis (κλήσις)**
 - *Root word:* Kaleo (to call or invite).
 - *Definition:* A call, an invitation, or a divine invitation.
 - *Usage:* God's active, personal invitation extended to people to take part in His salvation and kingdom.

- **Ametameleta (ἀμεταμέλητα)**

- *Root prefix/parts:* A (meaning "without") combined with a derivative of *metamelomai* (meaning "to repent" or "change one's mind").
- *Definition:* Without change of mind, not to be regretted, or irrevocable.

Usage: Describes something God will never feel sorry for or take back; God does not experience second thoughts regarding His grace and promises.

Greater Works Church

Beloved Greater Works Church family, as we enter our 2026 Teshuvah, we are setting our hearts to fast, pray, repent, return, and seek the Lord with fresh hunger. This is not just a season of abstaining from food or routine; it is a sacred invitation to draw near to God, hear His voice, receive clearer identity, and align our lives and ministry with His purpose.

The main focus of this fast is to seek the Lord for fresh revelation concerning who we are in Christ, why we were created, what gifts He has placed within us, how those gifts function in the Body, and where each of us should serve on one of the teams in this next season at Greater Works Church.

One Main Focus: Seeking God for Clarity and Alignment

1. **Identity—Know and understand who you are in Christ.** During this fast, ask the Lord to reveal the truth of your spiritual identity. You are not defined by past seasons, limitations, mistakes, fear, titles, or the opinions of people. You belong to Christ, and in Him you are loved, chosen, redeemed, called, empowered, and sent. Let God renew your

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mind and establish your confidence in who He says you are. (Read the book *In Him* by Kenneth E. Hagin)

2. **Life Purpose—Seek the Lord to know and understand why He created you and what you are called to do.** God created every person with divine intention. This is a time to ask Him, “Lord, why did You create me? What assignment have You placed on my life? What should I be giving my time, strength, prayer, and obedience to in this season?” As we seek Him, He will bring clarity to our calling and direction to our steps.
3. **Spiritual Gifts—Discover your spiritual gifts, skills, and talents from the Lord.** The Lord has given gifts to each member of the Body for the building up of His Church. This fast is a time to identify the spiritual gifts, natural skills, and God-given talents He has entrusted to you. Ask Him to show you what He has placed in your hands and how those gifts should be developed, stewarded, and used for His glory.
4. **Geniuses—Leaders identify which of the six Working Geniuses best describe how God wired you to contribute.** In Patrick Lencioni’s Working Genius framework, the six types are Wonder, Invention, Discernment, Galvanizing, Enablement, and Tenacity. These provide language for understanding the kinds of work that bring energy, contribution, and effectiveness. During this fast, seek the Lord concerning how you are wired to help move vision from prayer to action, from idea to implementation, and from assignment to completion.
5. **Teams—Discern which Greater Works team you should be on.** We are asking the Lord to show each person where they fit in the rebuilding work at Greater Works Church. Your gifts are not only for personal fulfillment; they are for service, unity, impact, and Kingdom advancement. Pray for clarity about the team, role, ministry, or area of service where you can faithfully contribute in this next season.

The Lord Will Answer as We Seek Him

We believe the Lord will answer us as we seek Him concerning these things from a fresh perspective and with fresh revelation. This fast is not about striving; it is about surrender. It is not about religious activity; it is about hearing God, obeying God, and letting Him bring our hearts, homes, lives, and church into **greater alignment** with His will.

Our Nehemiah Experience: Rebuilding at Greater Works Church

Remember, the Lord said we would have a Nehemiah experience. In a nutshell, the prophetic revelation is this: everything at Greater Works Church will be rebuilt. This includes our systems, our structures, and our schedules.

- **Systems—Processes:** The Lord is rebuilding how we function, communicate, organize, follow through, and steward ministry assignments.
- **Structures—People and Teams:** The Lord is rebuilding the way people are connected, equipped, positioned, and released to serve together in unity.
- **Schedules—Priorities:** The Lord is rebuilding how we order our time, focus our energy, and make room for what matters most in this season.

Just as Nehemiah received a burden, prayed, assessed the condition of the walls, gathered the people, and led them into rebuilding, we are asking God to give Greater Works Church clarity, courage, unity, strategy, and perseverance. Every person has a place on the wall. Every gift matters. Every assignment matters. Every act of obedience matters.

A Final Encouragement for the Fast

I want to remind you that what you put into this fast is what you will get out of it. Nothing is more important than the focus of this fast. Seek God. Give Him your attention. Make room for Him to speak. Let Him search your heart, strengthen your faith, clarify your identity, awaken your purpose, reveal your gifts, and show you where you are called to serve.

Greater Works Church, let us enter this Teshuvah with expectation. The Lord is rebuilding. The Lord is realigning. The Lord is revealing. And as we seek Him together, He will answer us.

Much Love,

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Notes:

- **MAKE MODIFICATIONS (FOOD LIST AND OR SCHEDULE) BASED UPON GOD'S LEADING & YOUR HEALTH NEEDS!**
- Monday – Friday 5 am Prayer Line: 667-770-1279 Code 7813854#
- Take Communion Daily (Option)
- Write in your Prayer Journal Daily
- *As the Spirit leads, 6 pm Soaking may change to immediately after Sunday's Services

TESHUVAH 2026 SERVICE SCHEDULE

Week 1 (Friday August 14th, 2026 – Thursday August 20th, 2026):

- **Fasting:** 12 hours of food; 12 hours of fasting; **30 minutes of prayer in the Spirit**
- **Type of Fast:** 100% Daniel Fast + Meat Choice; Liquid Only during fast hours
- **The Power of Your Words:** Chapters 1-7 (see reading assignments)

Services:

Date	Time	Event
Friday, August 14 th , 2026	7:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Praise & Worship
	7:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Pastor Review
	7:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Groups Discussions
	8:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Teshuvah Prayer Time
Sunday, August 16 th , 2026	7:00 am	Prayer Class
	10:00 am	Celebration Service
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Soaking & Consecration at the altar*
Wednesday, August 19 th , 2026	6:15 pm - 6:45 pm	Intercessory Prayer
	7:15 pm - 7:30 pm	Praise & Worship
	7:30 pm – 7:40 pm	Sunday Lesson Review
	7:40 pm – 7:50 pm	Offering & Announcements
	7:50 pm – 8:20 pm	Ephesians Chapter 1
	8:20 pm - 8:50 pm	Teshuvah Prayer Time

Week 2 (Friday, August 21st, 2026 – Thursday, August 27th, 2026):

- **Fasting:** 6 hours of food; 18 hours of fasting; **1 hour of prayer in the Spirit**
- **Type of Fast:** 100% Daniel Fast + Meat Choice; Liquid Only during fast hours
- **The Power of Your Words:** Chapters 8-14 (see reading assignments)

Services:

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Date	Time	Event
Friday, August 21 st , 2026	7:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Praise & Worship
	7:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Pastor Review
	7:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Groups Discussions
	8:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Teshuvah Prayer Time
Sunday, August 23 rd , 2026	7:00 am	Prayer Class
	10:00 am	Celebration Service
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Soaking & Consecration at the altar*
Wednesday, August 26 th , 2026	6:15 pm – 6:45 pm	Intercessory Prayer
	7:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Praise & Worship
	7:30 pm – 7:40 pm	Pastor's Corner - Sunday Lesson Review
	7:40 pm – 7:50 pm	Offering & Announcements
	7:50 pm – 8:20 pm	Ephesians Chapter 2
	8:20 pm – 8:50 pm	Teshuvah Prayer Time

Week 3 (Friday, August 28th, 2026 – Thursday, September 3rd, 2026):

- **Fasting:** 6 hours of food; 18 hours of fasting; **1 hour of prayer in the Spirit**
- **Type of Fast:** 100% Daniel Fast + Meat Choice; Liquid Only during fast hours
- **The Power of Your Words Book:** Chapters 15-21 (see reading assignments)

Services:

Date	Time	Event
Friday, August 28 th , 2026	7:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Praise & Worship
	7:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Pastor Review
	7:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Groups Discussions
	8:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Teshuvah Prayer Time
Sunday, August 30 th , 2026	7:00 am	Prayer Class
	10:00 am	Celebration Service
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Soaking & Consecration at the altar*
Wednesday, September 2 nd , 2026	6:15 pm – 6:45 pm	Intercessory Prayer
	7:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Praise & Worship
	7:30 pm – 7:40 pm	Pastor's Corner - Sunday Lesson Review
	7:40 pm – 7:50 pm	Offering & Announcements
	7:50 pm – 8:20 pm	Ephesians Chapter 3
	8:20 pm – 8:50 pm	Teshuvah Prayer Time

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Week 4 (Friday, September 4th, 2026 – Thursday, September 10th, 2026):

- **Fasting:** 6 hours of food; 18 hours of fasting; **1 hour of prayer in the Spirit**
- **Type of Fast:** 100% Daniel Fast + Meat Choice; Liquid Only during fast hours
- **The Power of Your Words Book:** Chapters 22-28 (see reading assignments)

Services:

Date	Time	Event
Friday, September 4 th , 2026	7:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Praise & Worship
	7:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Pastor Review
	7:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Groups Discussions
	8:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Teshuvah Prayer Time
Sunday, September 6 th , 2026	7:00 am	Prayer Class
	10:00 am	Celebration Service
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Soaking & Consecration at the altar*
Wednesday, September 9 th , 2026	6:15 pm – 6:45 pm	Intercessory Prayer
	7:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Praise & Worship
	7:30 pm – 7:40 pm	Pastor's Corner - Sunday Lesson Review
	7:40 pm – 7:50 pm	Offering & Announcements
	7:50 pm – 8:20 pm	Ephesians Chapter 4
	8:20 pm – 8:50 pm	Teshuvah Prayer Time

Week 5 (Friday, September 11th, 2026 – Thursday, September 17th, 2026):

- **Fasting:** 4 hours of food; 20 hours of fasting; **1 hour of prayer in the Spirit**
- **Type of Fast:** 100% Daniel Fast + Meat Choice; Liquid Only during fast hours
- **The Power of Your Words Book:** Chapters 29-35 (see reading assignments)

Services:

Date	Time	Event
Friday, September 11 th , 2026	7:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Praise & Worship
	7:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Pastor Review
	7:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Groups Discussions
	8:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Teshuvah Prayer Time
Sunday, September 13 th , 2026	7:00 am	Prayer Class
	10:00 am	Celebration Service
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Soaking & Consecration at the altar*

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Wednesday, September 16 th , 2026	6:15 pm – 6:45 pm	Intercessory Prayer
	7:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Praise & Worship
	7:30 pm – 7:40 pm	Pastor's Corner - Sunday Lesson Review
	7:40 pm – 7:50 pm	Offering & Announcements
	7:50 pm – 8:20 pm	Ephesians Chapter 5
	8:20 pm – 8:50 pm	Teshuvah Prayer Time

Week 6 (Friday, September 18th, 2026 – Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026):

- Fasting: 4 hours of food; 20 hours of fasting; **1 hour of prayer in the Spirit**
- Type of Fast: 100% Daniel Fast + Meat Choice; Sunday Sept. 20th – Tuesday Sept. 22nd
- **Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026, 100 % Liquid Only**
- **The Power of Your Words Book:** Chapters 36-40 (see reading assignments)

Services:

Date	Time	Event
Friday, September 18 th , 2026	8:00 pm – 8:15 pm	Praise & Worship
ALL NIGHT PRAYER	8:15 pm – 8:30 pm	Pastor Review
	8:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Groups Discussions
	9:00 pm – Until	Teshuvah Prayer Time
Sunday, September 20 th , 2026	7:00 am	Prayer Class
	10:00 am	Celebration Service
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Soaking & Consecration at the altar*
Wednesday, September 23 rd , 2026	6:15 pm – 6:45 pm	Intercessory Prayer
	7:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Praise & Worship
	7:30 pm – 7:40 pm	Pastor's Corner - Sunday Lesson Review
	7:40 pm – 7:50 pm	Offering & Announcements
	7:50 pm – 8:20 pm	Ephesians Chapter 6
	8:20 pm – 8:50 pm	Teshuvah Prayer Time