



# PREPARING FOR THE CONFERENCE

This semester, you have devoted a great deal of time to studying the truth of Scripture and applying it to your life. There have probably been many moments when you discovered that you had believed a lie that was contrary to God's Word and were challenged to renew your mind and embrace that what God says is true. While this semester of spiritual growth may have been difficult or even painful at times, the effort you've put into the journey is worth it!

The Freedom Conference is the culmination of everything you have studied and discovered over the last 12 weeks, and you do not want to miss it. Each week of study has been thoughtfully designed to prepare you to have a powerful encounter with God.

There are four specific ways you can prepare your heart to receive everything the Holy Spirit has for you at the conference:

**BE EXPECTANT:** In your prayer time before the conference, confess to the Lord that you believe He can do anything. Allow Him to fill you with anticipation and hope that He will do the miraculous in your life. I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him.

*Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.* ROMANS 15:13

**CULTIVATE AN ATTITUDE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE:** Intentionally set aside time every day to worship the Lord. Challenge yourself to go to deeper levels of worship, spending time in His presence, growing in confidence that He is eager to do something powerful for your benefit, and thanking Him in advance.

*Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.* PSALM 95:6  
*For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With His love, He will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.*  
ZEPHANIAH 3:17

**SHUT OUT THE WORLD:** In the days leading up to the conference, limit your exposure to secular influences like television, news, social media, etc. Spend your free time in prayer, worship, and reading the Bible, tuning into the voice of God as you tune out the voice of the world. This will allow your spirit to become sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

*Come close to God, and God will come close to you.* JAMES 4:8

*Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you. And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind and unplug the ears of the deaf. The lame will leap like a deer, and those who cannot speak will sing for joy! Springs will gush forth in the wilderness, and streams will water the wasteland.* ISAIAH 35:4-6

**FASTING:** Fasting helps change your focus and is useful in preparing yourself for ministry, especially when engaging in spiritual warfare. You can fast in a variety of ways. The most important part of fasting does not involve what you take away but what you add regarding time spent with the Lord. Ask Him what needs to be done in your heart as you fast.

Tip: Fast before, not at the conference—it is good to go into battle strengthened.

*“Is it a fast that I have chosen, a day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush, And to spread out sackcloth and ashes? Would you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD? “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?” ISAIAH 58:5-6*

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Make the conference a priority in your schedule. The Lord has been arranging appointments for you throughout your life and this semester and conference are part of His plans! You can expect resistance from the enemy this week but focus on all that you have learned and set your mind to finish strong!