

# Notes:

Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual "To Do List"  
(things God has shown me today)

## Service Music

Pre-service - [Into the Heart of Jesus] - O. Smith

DIMINUS REGUT ME [The King of Love My Shepherd Is]- J. Dykes

Prelude - THE HEAVENLY VISION [Turn your Eyes Upon Jesus] - H. Lemmel

Special Music - It's Just Like My Lord - W. Gaither

### The Hidden Power of Fasting

The Lord spoke to Mahesh Chavda and his wife about calling their church to a twenty-one day fast. They asked the people to come together at 5:00 am for two hours each morning. Only a handful of people showed up the first two mornings.

At the mid-week service one man said, "The Lord told me, 'I am here, where are my people?'" The next few [days] children started waking up and telling their parents to go to the church for the prayer meeting. Eventually a crowd of 200 people came to pray and began fasting. A revival came to the church that lasted for weeks. Many lives were transformed.

In his journal, John Wesley tells about a group of Methodists who had little spiritual life. They agreed to fast every week. After the first week Wesley said, "God broke in upon them in a wonderful manner; His work has increased ever since." Neighboring societies heard and followed their example with the same result.

Wesley concluded: "To neglect this specific duty (I mean fasting, ranked by our Lord with almsgiving and prayer) is one reason for deadness among Christians. Can anyone willingly neglect it without guilt?"

He told those who wanted to be Methodist preachers to fast at least twice a week. Perhaps that is why they maintained the spirit of revival for over fifty years.

Dear Jesus, as we pray for a spiritual awakening, give desires and motivation to fast.

*Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly...And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people (Joel 2: 15, 28).*

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**Return to God with all your heart,**

*with fasting,  
with weeping,  
and with  
mourning .*

**Joel 2:12**



# Does Jesus Care?

Frank E. Graeff, 1860-1919

J. Lincoln Hall, 1866-1930

1. Does Je - sus care when my heart is pained Too deep - ly for  
 2. Does Je - sus care when my way is dark With a name - less  
 3. Does Je - sus care when I've tried and failed To re - sist some temp -  
 4. Does Je - sus care when I've said, "Good-by," To the dear - est on

mirth and song. As the bur - dens press, and the cares dis - tress, And the  
 dread and fear? As the day - light fades in - to deep night shades, Does He  
 ta - tion strong; When for my deep grief I find no re - lief, Tho' my  
 earth to me, And my sad heart aches till it near - ly breaks? Is it

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way grows wea - ry and long?  
 care e - nough to be near? Oh, yes, He cares: I know He cares. His  
 tears flow all the night long?  
 ought to Him? Does He see?

heart is touched with my grief. When the days are wea - ry, the

long nights drea - ry, I know my Sav - iour cares. *rit.* He cares.

# Sweetly Resting

Mary D. James, 19th Century

W. Warren Bently, 19th Century

1. In the rift - ed Rock I'm rest - ing; Safe - ly shel - tered, I a - bide.  
 2. Long pur - sued by sin and Sa - tan, Wea - ry, sad, I longed for rest.  
 3. Peace which passeth un - der - stand - ing, Joy the world can nev - er give,  
 4. In the rift - ed Rock I'll hide me Till the storms of life are past;

There no foes nor storms mo - lest me, While with - in the cleft I hide.  
 Then I found this heav'n - ly shel - ter O - pened in my Sav - iour's breast.  
 Now in Je - sus I am find - ing; In His smiles of love I live.  
 All se - cure in this blest ref - uge, Heed - ing not the fierc - est blast.

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Now I'm rest - ing, sweet - ly rest - ing, In the cleft once made for me.

Je - sus, bless - ed Rock of A - ges, I will hide my - self in Thee.