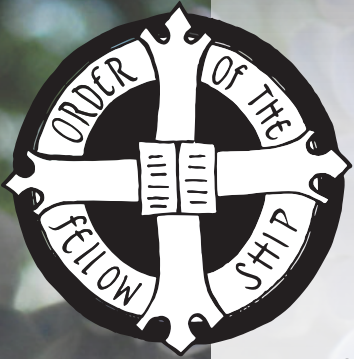


AUGUST 2024



Living cross culturally introduces you to some new smells. It was only through the Lord's calling me to West Africa that I learned the pungent smell of soumbala or fermented néré seeds. The process of fermenting these seeds takes several days and so you might find the odor wafting from your neighbor's courtyard into your house. We all smell it. We all know who is making it. Our neighbor can't deny it. Unfortunately, our sin is not always so odorific. David, however, had his sin pointed out to him point blank by Nathan, enough for David to admit "For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me" (Psalm 51: 3, NIV). What soumbala-smelly funk wafts before you? Does your family smell it? Does your team? Are you the last to know? Spend this month in introspection and confession, seeking restoration for your brokenness.

PRAYER FOR AUGUST:

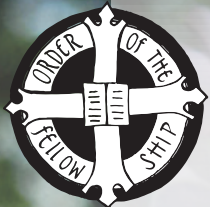
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love, according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin! (Let David lead you into a time of confession).

PRAYER PRACTICE:

Perhaps as a follow up to your fast (see below), visit teammates, national partners or others and ask their forgiveness. If the relationship is cross-cultural, you may want to ask if you have hurt them in some way. Whomever you visit, ask them to pray for and with you.

FASTING PRACTICE:

Take a day to truly fast. Commit a period of prayer to examine your heart, confessing any lack of virtue or love and any presence of sin in your life. Commit to another period of prayer over broken relationships.



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WEEK 1

AUG 1-3

THURSDAY

- Psalm 51:1-12
- Exodus 32:19-26a
- 1 Corinthians 11:17-22

FRIDAY

- Psalm 51:1-12
- Joshua 23:1-16
- 1 Corinthians 11:27-34

SATURDAY

- Psalm 51:1-12
- Judges 6:1-10
- Matthew 16:5-12

WEEK 2

AUG 4-10

SUNDAY

- 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
- Psalm 51:1-12
- Ephesians 4:1-16
- John 6:24-35

MONDAY

- Psalm 50:16-23
- 2 Samuel 12:15-25
- Ephesians 4:17-24

TUESDAY

- Psalm 50:16-23
- 2 Samuel 13:1-19
- 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 50:16-23
- 2 Samuel 13:20-36
- Mark 8:1-10

THURSDAY

- Psalm 130
- 2 Samuel 13:37-14:24
- Romans 15:1-6

FRIDAY

- Psalm 130
- 2 Samuel 14:25-33
- Galatians 6:1-10

SATURDAY

- Psalm 130
- 2 Samuel 15:1-13
- Matthew 7:7-11

WEEK 3

AUG 11-17

SUNDAY

- 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
- Psalm 130
- Ephesians 4:25-5:2
- John 6:35, 41-51

MONDAY

- Psalm 57
- 2 Samuel 15:13-31
- Ephesians 5:1-14

TUESDAY

- Psalm 57
- 2 Samuel 18:19-33
- 2 Peter 3:14-18

WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 57
- 2 Samuel 19:1-18
- John 6:35-40

THURSDAY

- Psalm 111
- 1 Kings 1:1-30
- Acts 6:8-15

FRIDAY

- Psalm 111
- 1 Kings 1:28-48
- Romans 16:17-20

SATURDAY

- Psalm 111
- 1 Kings 2:1-11
- John 4:7-26

WEEK 4

AUG 18-24

SUNDAY

- 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
- Psalm 111
- Ephesians 5:15-20
- John 6:51-58

MONDAY

- Psalm 101
- 1 Kings 3:16-28
- Acts 6:1-7

TUESDAY

- Psalm 101
- 1 Kings 7:1-12
- Acts 7:9-16

WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 101
- 1 Kings 8:1-21
- Mark 8:14-21

THURSDAY

- Psalm 84
- 1 Kings 4:20-28
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

FRIDAY

- Psalm 84
- 1 Kings 4:29-34
- Romans 13:11-14

SATURDAY

- Psalm 84
- 1 Kings 5:1-12
- Luke 11:5-13

WEEK 5

AUG 25-31

SUNDAY

- 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43
- Psalm 84
- Ephesians 6:10-20
- John 6:56-69

MONDAY

- Psalm 11
- 1 Kings 5:13-18
- Ephesians 5:21-6:9

TUESDAY

- Psalm 11
- 1 Kings 6:1-14
- Ephesians 6:21-24

WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 11
- 1 Kings 6:15-38
- John 15:16-25

THURSDAY

- Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
- Song of Solomon 1:1-17
- James 1:1-8

FRIDAY

- Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
- Song of Solomon 2:1-7
- James 1:9-16

SATURDAY

- Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
- Hosea 3:1-5
- John 18:28-32