

Instructions & Ideas for Pastors

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40 Days to Fast and Pray

Though Pastor Sameh Maurice of Kasr El Dohara Church in Cairo had only a couple weeks to call the churches in Egypt to their “40 Days to Fast and Pray” at the end of 2010, it still picked up momentum and brought revival across their land. Nevertheless, we are suggesting that if pastors join this effort early enough, they can preach a series of up to four sermons on the topic in the preceding weeks. Because we are following the example of the Egyptian church and calling for a unique season of fasting and prayer from Nov 21st - Dec 31st, the four Sundays prior to this season will begin on *October 30th*. If you join the effort *after* October 30th, no need to worry. The Egyptian revival is even now still penetrating across Egypt and many areas of the Middle East! This “Spiritual Revolution” is spreading right alongside the Arab Spring. We can all pray this kind of wildfire will spread all across America and beyond!

Dr. David R. Mains (www.sermon-coach.com) has volunteered to write *sermon starters* free of charge to help pastors prepare their churches (His ministry toward this effort is a sacrifice of time and a great blessing for all of us). “Sermon Starters” are short, 12-15 minute, one-point messages that pastors can use as the basis for a longer sermon they can tailor for their particular church. David will also write starters for the remaining Sundays of the year (during the 40 day fast) that will be available to download from the main web site, www.AwakenUS.com. The remaining sermons will center on the themes of Advent and Christmas, but will include references to this fasting emphasis.

These sermon starters will each be posted at least one month ahead of the actual Sunday dates so pastors have time to prepare their sermons well in advance. The DVD’s, if you don’t have one yet, will include all 3 versions of the interviews with Dr. Sameh Maurice. We suggest that you play the “short version” for your congregation at some point before or during your first sermon on this subject. This will help to give people a reference point to understand the purpose of the fast and will inspire them with a greater vision for what can take place in America. There are helps for your people at the web site, so you are welcome to reference it for the prayer calendar, personal Bible studies, recommended reading, inspiring media and associated informational websites.

“The Story” of this fasting and prayer movement and how it emerged is downloadable from the web site (or from the DVD along with the sermons and videos). You can share this story in your own words to your people, or just use it for your own reference. For your own benefit, we suggest you watch the video interview for pastors and leaders available on the DVD or at the web site. Pastor Sameh shared some great insights.

You are welcome to make copies of this DVD for other pastors you know. We are only suggesting a donation be made to *Heart for the World* if you feel led to help with the costs of production, manufacturing, and other administrative costs that have been incurred. Please send checks to **Heart for the World, PO Box 17247, Nashville, TN 37217-0247**. *Heart for the World* is a non-profit 501c3 organization founded in 1985 by the ministry of Terry & Barbi Franklin. For more information, or to donate online, go to www.heartfortheworld.com.