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40-Day Spiritual Discipline Observance

FEB 18 - APR2

DR. JAMAL H. BRYANT, SENIOR PASTOR

CORPORATE PRAYER CALL

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY @ 7:00 AM
******Tuesdays on Dr. Jamal Bryant's social media lives (Instagram, YouTube and Facebook) at 7:00 AM**

Duration: 10-15 minutes of corporate intercession
Join the New Birth family as we pray together using the daily prayer targets
Experience the power of unified, unusual prayer

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THE LENT 2026 FAST GUIDELINES

As we commit to this 40-day journey, we invite you to join us in spiritual, physical, and financial disciplines that will position you for unusual connection, unusual recovery, and unusual breakthrough.

Physical Discipline: Intermittent Fasting

- **Duration:** Wednesday, February 18 through Thursday, April 2
- **Practice:** Daily intermittent fasting by eating healthy, nutritious meals within an 8-hour window between 12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM
- **Outside the Eating Window:** Water and other non-caloric beverages (unsweetened tea, black coffee) may be consumed during the other 16 hours of the day
- **Medical Consultation:** Please consult your personal physician prior to starting the fast, especially if you have any health conditions, take medications, or are pregnant/nursing. Follow your physician's guidance regarding medications and participation in the fast.
- **Grace & Flexibility:** If health conditions prevent full participation, consider modified fasting (one meal, specific foods, or media) as led by the Holy Spirit and your doctor's advice

PLEASE NOTE: Dr. Bryant and the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church advise all members and participants of this fast to consider their personal health needs and to consult their personal physician prior to beginning this fast. Therefore, we specifically disclaim any responsibility from any physical reaction from this fast.

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SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE: DAILY PRAYER RHYTHMS

Morning Prayer Target (First 15+ Minutes of Each Day)

- Start your day with focused, intentional prayer using the Daily Guided Prayer Targets provided in this devotional
- Read the daily scripture and pray through the prayer focus
- Seek God for unusual connection, unusual recovery, or unusual breakthrough (based on the monthly theme)
- Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you into deeper intercession beyond the written prayers

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Financial Discipline: Sacrificial Giving

- Practice: Consider a financial fast by reducing discretionary spending and giving sacrificially to God's work

- **Suggestions:**
  - Skip dining out and give what you would have spent
  - Fast from entertainment subscriptions and redirect those funds
  - Delay a purchase and sow that amount into kingdom work
  - Give a special Lenten offering beyond your regular tithe

Purpose: Position yourself, your family, and our church for unusual breakthrough in every area

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MONTHLY & WEEKLY THEMES

FEBRUARY: UNUSUAL CONNECTIONS

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 1:17 - “He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”
DECLARATION: God aligns us with divine relationships and networks that advance His Kingdom.
FASTING FOCUS: Connecting with God in the wilderness, discovering intimacy in isolation, and encountering Him in desert places.
Week 1 (Feb 18-21): Entering the Wilderness - Unusual Encounters with God

MARCH: UNUSUAL RECOVERY

SCRIPTURE: I Samuel 30:8 - “and David inquired of the Lord, ‘Shall I pursue this raiding party? Will I overtake them?’ ‘Pursue them,’ he answered. ‘You will certainly overtake them and succeed in the rescue.’”
DECLARATION: Everything lost is restored. We recover all.
FASTING FOCUS: Recovering our true identity, reclaiming our freedom, and being restored to God's original design.

Week 2 (Feb 23-28): Fasting from False Identity - Recovering Who We Really Are
Week 3 (Mar 2-7): Breaking Chains - Recovering Our Freedom
Week 4 (Mar 9-14): Thirsting for Righteousness - Recovering Our Spiritual Appetite
Week 5 (Mar 16-21): Walking in Authority - Recovering Our Kingdom Power

APRIL: UNUSUAL BREAKTHROUGH

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 10:4 - “The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolih strongholds.”
DECLARATION: Strongholds are broken, and we walk in victory through God’s power.
FASTING FOCUS: Breaking through to new levels of surrender, obedience, and resurrection life.

Week 6 (Mar 23-28): The Journey to Jerusalem - Breakthrough in Surrender
Week 7 (Mar 30-Apr 2): Holy Week - The Ultimate Breakthrough

This is Church as Unusual. Lent 2026 is not a season of religious routine—it is a divine invitation into unprecedented spiritual transformation.

This sacred season is a time of consecration, spiritual strengthening and renewal through reflection, repentance, and sacrifice. The season commemorates the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness before beginning His public ministry. Likewise, we will engage in spiritual, physical, and financial discipline to position ourselves, our families, and our church for the unusual work God is doing in 2026.

As we remove distractions, we gain clarity on our call to personal transformation and increase our resolve for prophetic action. This year, we journey through three distinct movements:

- **February:** Unusual Connection - We will experience unprecedented intimacy with God as He draws us into the wilderness to speak tenderly to our hearts and reconnect us to our first love.

- **March:** Unusual Recovery - We will reclaim what the enemy has stolen—our true identity, our freedom, our spiritual appetite, and our kingdom authority. God is restoring us to His original design.

- **April:** Unusual Breakthrough - We will break through to new levels of surrender, obedience, and resurrection power as we follow Jesus to Jerusalem and witness the ultimate breakthrough of the cross and empty tomb.

During this Lenten Fast, set your expectation to become 1% better every day. Expect to grow and develop. Your discipline and sacrifices will prepare you to experience what eyes have not seen and ears have not heard. Look for God in unexpected places. Open your ears to hear the Lord whisper plans and directions. Anticipate the expansion of your belief in God, your commitment to Christ, and your obedience to the Holy Spirit. As your faith increases, signs, wonders and miracles will follow.

At the end of this fast, you will be better. New Birth will be better.
This is not business as usual. God is doing something extraordinary in us and through us this season. This is Church as Unusual.

WEEK 1

ENTERING THE WILDERNESS - UNUSUAL CONNECTIONS

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026 (ASH WEDNESDAY)

- **Scripture:** Matthew 4:1-2 - "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Lord, as we enter this season of Lent and this month of Unusual Connections, lead us by Your Spirit into our own wilderness places. We believe You want to connect with us in ways we've never experienced before. Help us not to fear the desert but to trust that You are preparing us for greater works. Give us courage to face what needs to be confronted and faith to believe You will meet us there. This is Church as Unusual—we expect the unexpected. Amen."

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

- **Scripture:** Hosea 2:14 - "Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her.

- **Prayer Focus:** "Father, we receive the wilderness as a place of unusual connection—divine romance, not rejection. In the stripping away of distractions, speak tenderly to us in ways we've never heard before. Let us hear Your voice with fresh clarity in this season. Woo our hearts back to first love. We make space for an unusual encounter with You. Connect with us, Lord. Amen.""

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

- **Scripture:** Psalm 63:1 - "You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Father, awaken in us an unusual desperation for Your presence. In the dry places of our lives, let our thirst for You intensify beyond what we've known. May we discover that our deepest need is not escape from the wilderness but unusual connection with You in it. Satisfy our souls with Your living water in extraordinary ways. We're hungry for more than the usual. Amen."

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

- **Scripture:** Deuteronomy 8:2-3 - "Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart... He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna."

- **Prayer Focus:** "God, reveal to us what is truly in our hearts through this unusual season of connection. In this time of humbling, help us see our dependencies, our fears, and our false securities with new eyes. Strip away what is not of You so that we may be fed by Your Word alone. We surrender to Your unusual process of transformation. Connect us to Your heart. Amen."

In this Lenten season, God is doing unusual work in the hidden places of our hearts. What is buried in surrender becomes the seedbed for uncommon faith, unexpected connections, and a dimension of life we could not enter by familiar means.

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WEEK 2

FASTING FROM FALSE IDENTITY:

UNUSUAL RECOVERY

(RECOVERING WHO WE REALLY ARE)

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

- **Scripture:** Isaiah 43:19 - "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Lord of new beginnings, as we enter the month of Unusual Recovery, open our eyes to perceive the new thing You are doing. You are making a way where there seems to be no way. Help us trust Your creative power to bring unusual streams of refreshing where there was once only barrenness. We're ready to recover what the enemy has stolen, what we should never have let go of, and what we lost in ignorance. We believe You are working in unusual ways. Amen."

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026

- **Scripture:** Jeremiah 2:2 - "I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the wilderness, through a land not sown."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Lord, in this season of Unusual Recovery, restore to us the passionate devotion of our first love. Like a bride following her beloved, let us follow You with abandoned trust. Rekindle the fire of our early devotion in unprecedented ways. Let this wilderness journey bring us back to You. We're recovering our first love. This is Church as Unusual. Amen."

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

- **Scripture:** Matthew 4:3-4 - "The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' Jesus answered, 'It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

- **Prayer Focus:** "Father, help us resist the enemy's attacks on our identity. When voices of doubt question who we are in You, anchor us in the truth of Your Word. We are recovering our true identity. We are Your beloved children. Teach us to live by every word that proceeds from Your mouth, not by the lies of the enemy. This is unusual recovery, reclaiming who we really are. Amen."

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

- **Scripture:** Romans 8:15-16 - "The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Abba Father, we are recovering our identity as Your adopted children. We reject every spirit of fear and slavery that tries to define us. We are not orphans—we are chosen, wanted, beloved. Let Your Spirit bear unusual witness deep within us that we belong to You. Help us live from this unshakeable identity. We are recovering who we are. Amen."

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

- **Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:17 - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

- **Prayer Focus:** "God of transformation, in this season of Unusual Recovery, we release the old narratives that have defined us—the shame, the failures, the wounds. We embrace our identity as new creations in Christ. Help us walk in the newness You have already accomplished. Let our lives reflect the radical change of Your resurrection power. The old is gone; we're recovering the new. Amen."

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

- **Scripture:** 1 Peter 2:9 - "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Lord, we are recovering our royal identity as Your chosen people. We are not defined by our past, our mistakes, or others' opinions. We are Yours—set apart, called out, and empowered to declare Your glory in unusual ways. Let this truth transform how we see ourselves and how we walk in the world. This is unusual recovery of our true identity. Amen."

During this fast, we have interrupted the ordinary cycle of life in order to pave a pathway to unusual faith, uncommon courage, and breakthroughs that carry the mark of resurrection.

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WEEK 3

BREAKING CHAINS -
UNUSUAL RECOVERY
(RECOVERING OUR FREEDOM)

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MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026

- **Scripture:** Galatians 2:20 - "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Jesus, we are recovering the crucified life. We surrender the false selves we've constructed for protection or approval. Crucify our egos, our need to prove ourselves, our self-sufficiency. Let Your life flow through us so completely that others see You in us. This is unusual recovery; Christ living through us in unprecedented ways. Amen."

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TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

- **Scripture:** Ephesians 1:4-5 - "For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Eternal God, we are recovering the truth that before the foundation of the world, You chose us. This was not an afterthought—this was Your intentional design. We are wanted, purposed, and loved in unusual measure. Help us live out of this secure identity, knowing we were chosen before time began. All insecurity must bow to this truth. This is unusual recovery. Amen."

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

- **Scripture:** Luke 4:18-19 - "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Lord Jesus, You came to bring unusual recovery—freedom for prisoners, sight for the blind, liberty for the oppressed. Today we declare freedom over every area of bondage in our lives—addictions, unforgiveness, fear, and shame. Break the chains that have held us. This is unusual recovery of what the enemy stole. Release us into the favor of Your kingdom. Amen."

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

- **Scripture:** Psalm 107:13-14 - "Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their chains."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Delivering God, we cry out to You for unusual recovery. We trust that You hear and You answer in extraordinary ways. Bring us out of every darkness that has held us captive. Break away the chains of generational patterns, past trauma, and present struggles with unusual power. We receive our deliverance now in Jesus' name. This is Church as Unusual. Amen."

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FRIDAY,
MARCH 6, 2026

- **Scripture:** Matthew 18:21-22 - "Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.'"

- **Prayer Focus:** Father of mercy, we acknowledge that unforgiveness has imprisoned us and blocked our unusual recovery. Today we choose unusual grace—to forgive those who have wounded us, not because they deserve it, but because You command it and we need the freedom. Release us from bitterness. Heal our hearts as we release others. This is unusual recovery through radical forgiveness. Amen."

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SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

- **Scripture:** Isaiah 61:1, 3 - "He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners... to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Healing God, bind up our broken hearts with unusual tenderness. Where we have mourned, release unusual joy. Where we have worn ashes of grief and disappointment, place a crown of beauty. Exchange our despair for a garment of praise. We receive unusual recovery and declare that our latter days will be greater than our former days. This is Church as Unusual. Amen."

This Lenten season is a prophetic reminder that unusual breakthrough is often preceded by unusual surrender. Your labor is not in vain.

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WEEK 4

THIRSTING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS - UNUSUAL RECOVERY (RECOVERING OUR SPIRITUAL APPETITE)

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MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026

- **Scripture:** John 8:36 - "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Jesus, our Liberator, we receive unusual freedom—the freedom You purchased for us on the cross. We are not partially free or conditionally free—we are free indeed! Help us walk in this unusual recovery of complete freedom without returning to old bondages. Let our lives testify to the delivering power of Your name. We are free! This is Church as Unusual. Amen."

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TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

- **Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 3:17 - "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Holy Spirit, flood our lives with Your presence in unusual measure. Where You dwell, chains break, shame lifts, and captives go free. Fill every corner of our hearts, our homes, and our church with Your liberating presence. We invite You to move freely among us in unprecedented ways. Let unusual freedom reign wherever You are. Amen."

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

- **Scripture:** Psalm 42:1-2 - "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"

- **Prayer Focus:** "Living God, we are recovering our spiritual appetite. Create in us an unusual thirst for Your presence. Let our desire for You surpass our desire for comfort, success, or approval in ways we've never experienced. May we be so consumed with knowing You that nothing else satisfies. Draw us into deeper encounter with Your holiness and love. This is unusual recovery of holy hunger. Amen."

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THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

- **Scripture:** Psalm 84:2 - "My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Lord, recover in us an unusual yearning that makes our whole being—body, soul, and spirit—cry out for more of You. We are not content with shallow religion or casual commitment. We want to dwell in Your courts, to live in Your presence. Intensify our hunger in unprecedented ways. This is unusual recovery of spiritual passion. Amen."

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FRIDAY,
MARCH 13, 2026

- **Scripture:** Matthew 5:6 - "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Lord, recover in us an unusual hunger for righteousness—not self-righteousness, but Your righteousness living through us. We are hungry for holiness, for purity, for transformed character in ways that defy the norm. Fill us with Your Spirit. Let our lives reflect Your heart, Your justice, Your compassion. Satisfy us with Your goodness. This is unusual recovery of holy appetite. Amen."

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

- **Scripture:** John 7:37-38 - "On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.'"

- **Prayer Focus:** "Jesus, we come thirsty for unusual recovery. We don't just want a trickle—we want rivers of Your Spirit to flow through us in unprecedented measure. Overflow our lives so that others are refreshed by Your presence in us. Let our worship, our service, our very existence become channels of Your living water. This is unusual recovery. Amen."

Lent is the season that proves God's ability to bring unusual life out of intentional, spiritual, sacrificial death. What we surrender becomes the doorway to unusual faith, unusual recovery, and breakthroughs that could not be accessed without first letting go.

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WEEK 5

WALKING IN AUTHORITY:

UNUSUAL RECOVERY (RECOVERING OUR KINGDOM POWER)

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MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

- **Scripture:** Philippians 3:10 - "I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death."e has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.'"

- **Prayer Focus:** "Father, deepen our knowing of Christ in unusual ways. We want more than information—we want intimate knowledge of Your Son. Let us experience both the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings. Transform us into His likeness through every season. This is unusual recovery of authentic relationship. This is our highest pursuit. Amen."

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TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

- **Scripture:** Amos 8:11 - "The days are coming, declares the Sovereign LORD, when I will send a famine through the land —not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Lord, in a world filled with noise and empty words, we are recovering our ability to hear You. Do not let us experience famine of Your Word. Open our ears to hear You with unusual clarity. Feed us with fresh revelation from Scripture. Let Your Word be our daily bread and our source of life. Speak, Lord, for Your servants are listening. This is unusual recovery of Your voice. Amen."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026

- **Scripture:** Luke 10:19 - "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Lord Jesus, we are recovering our kingdom authority. We receive the unusual power You have given us. We will not cower before the enemy's threats or schemes. We stand on Your promises and declare that greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world. We walk in divine authority to overcome every attack. This is unusual recovery of spiritual power. Amen."

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THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

- **Scripture:** Matthew 28:18 - "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.'"

- **Prayer Focus:** "Jesus, all authority belongs to You—in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. We submit to Your lordship and align ourselves with Your kingdom authority in unprecedented ways. From this place of submission, we exercise the delegated authority You've entrusted to us. Let Your will be done through us with unusual power. This is unusual recovery of kingdom authority. Amen."

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FRIDAY,
MARCH 20, 2026

- **Scripture:** Ephesians 6:10-11 - "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Mighty God, we are recovering our spiritual readiness. We clothe ourselves in Your full armor today with unusual intentionality. We put on the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. We will not be caught defenseless. Strengthen us to stand firm against every spiritual attack. This is unusual recovery. Amen."

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

- **Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 - "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Father, we are recovering our spiritual weapons. We engage in spiritual warfare with unusual power —prayer, worship, Your Word, and faith. We demolish every mental stronghold, every lie, every argument that contradicts Your truth. We take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. Our minds belong to You. This is unusual recovery of victory in spiritual warfare. Amen."

God is inviting us to release what once worked, what doesn't work and what will never work, so He can do what has not yet been seen. Through sacrificial surrender to His ways, God opens unprecedented opportunities that only His resurrection power can produce.

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WEEK 6

THE JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM:
UNUSUAL BREAKTHROUGH (BREAKTHROUGH IN SURRENDER)

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MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026

- **Scripture:** James 4:7 - "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Lord, as we enter this week of Unusual Breakthrough, we fully submit every area of our lives to Your Lordship. From this place of unusual surrender, we resist the enemy's influence with confidence. We command him to flee from our minds, our families, our church, and our community. We stand in the victory of the cross and declare: It is finished! This is unusual breakthrough through radical surrender. Amen."

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TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026

- **Scripture:** Colossians 2:15 - "And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Victorious Savior, You have already won the unusual breakthrough. Every principality and power is disarmed and defeated. We do not fight for victory, we fight from victory. Thank You for the triumph of the cross. We stand on that finished work and declare that no weapon formed against us shall prosper. This unusual breakthrough is already secured. Amen."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

- **Scripture:** Luke 9:51 - "As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Jesus, give us Your resolute determination to walk toward unusual breakthrough, even when it leads to hardship. Help us set our faces like flint toward Your will. We surrender our comfort and our plans to follow You fully into breakthrough territory. Strengthen our resolve to finish our race well. This is unusual breakthrough through unwavering obedience. Amen."

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THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

- **Scripture:** Mark 10:32-34 - "They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Lord, even when the path to breakthrough fills us with fear and uncertainty, we trust You are leading the way. You never ask us to walk where You have not already gone. Give us courage to follow You toward unusual breakthrough even when we don't understand the full picture. We trust Your leadership completely. This is Church as Unusual. Amen."

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FRIDAY,
MARCH 27, 2026

- **Scripture:** Matthew 16:24 - "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'"

- **Prayer Focus:** "Lord, we take up our cross, the place of death to self, and follow You toward unusual breakthrough. We deny our selfish ambitions, our need for control, our demand for our own way. Where You lead, we will follow. What You ask, we will do. Your will, not ours, be done. Breakthrough comes through surrender. This is Church as Unusual. Amen."

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

- **Scripture:** Philippians 2:5-8 - "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing... he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!"

- **Prayer Focus:** "Humble Savior, shape our minds to reflect Yours as we pursue unusual breakthrough. Where You emptied Yourself, help us empty ourselves of pride and self-promotion. Where You served, help us serve. Where You obeyed unto death, help us obey in life. Make us like You, Jesus, humble, obedient, and surrendered. This is the path to unusual breakthrough. Amen.".

What dies in obedience creates room for unusual, monumental, incomparable breakthroughs that defy past patterns. We are ready for miraculous holy disruptions.

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WEEK 7

HOLY WEEK:

UNUSUAL BREAKTHROUGH (THE ULTIMATE BREAKTHROUGH)

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MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

- **Scripture:** John 12:24 - "Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

- **Prayer Focus:** "God of multiplication, we surrender to the process of dying to self so that Your life can break through in unprecedented ways. We let go of our small dreams to embrace Your greater purposes. We release our single-seed existence to become fruitful in Your kingdom. Let our lives produce an unusual harvest for Your glory. This is unusual breakthrough through death to self. Amen."

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TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

- **Scripture:** Luke 22:42 - "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Father, like Jesus in Gethsemane, we honestly bring You our struggles with surrender. We confess the areas where we still grip tightly to our own will. Yet in this moment, we choose Your will over our preferences, Your way over our comfort. Not our will, but Yours be done. This is the path to unusual breakthrough. Give us grace to mean it. Amen."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

- **Scripture:** Matthew 21:9 - "The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'"

- **Prayer Focus:** "King Jesus, we welcome You into our lives afresh as we approach the ultimate breakthrough. You are worthy of our highest praise. As we enter Holy Week, tune our hearts to worship with unusual passion. Let us see You clearly—not as we want You to be, but as You truly are: the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hosanna! This is Church as Unusual. Amen."

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026 (MAUNDY THURSDAY)

- **Scripture:** Mark 11:15-17 - "On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there... 'Is it not written: "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations"? But you have made it "a den of robbers."'"

- **Prayer Focus:** "Holy God, as we stand on the threshold of unusual breakthrough, cleanse the temple of our hearts. Drive out everything that has turned sacred space into a marketplace—the greed, the hypocrisy, the religious performance. Make us houses of prayer, pure sanctuaries for Your presence. Purify our worship and our motives. We want to honor You rightly as we prepare for breakthrough. This is Church as Unusual. Amen."

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FRIDAY,
APRIL 3, 2026
(GOOD FRIDAY) - BONUS

- **Scripture:** John 13:34-35 - "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

- **Prayer Focus:** "Jesus, as we stand at the foot of the cross witnessing the ultimate breakthrough, teach us to love as You loved—sacrificially, unconditionally, and radically. Let the world recognize us as Your disciples by the unusual love we demonstrate. Help us wash one another's feet in humility and service. Let love be our greatest testimony of unusual breakthrough. This is Church as Unusual. Amen."

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026 (HOLY SATURDAY) - BONUS

- **Scripture:** Luke 22:19-20 - "And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.'"

- **Prayer Focus:** "Lamb of God, we remember Your body broken for us and Your blood poured out for our redemption. This covenant was purchased at the highest cost—the ultimate unusual breakthrough. We will never forget the price You paid. We receive Your sacrifice with grateful hearts and commit ourselves to living worthy of such love. Tomorrow brings resurrection—the greatest unusual breakthrough of all time. Thank You, Jesus. All glory to You forever. Amen."

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