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"Cultivate" is a bimonthly electronic publication of ASK Network USA that informs and encourages ASKers in the work of praying for the church, community and all the nations. It seeks to cultivate a deeper relationship with God and with one another.

Endurance in 2020

Colossians 1:10-11 - "And we pray this in order that you... being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,..." (Endurance: remaining firm, without yielding, without giving in)

By the time, you receive this, the ASK USA leadership team and zone facilitators will have completed a 10 day season of fasting and asking. The purpose of this season was to intentionally pause and take time to seek the Lord together to hear what He would desire of us going forward in the ministry of ASK USA.

During this season, Roberta and I have thought often of the word 'endurance.' For us, to undertake a season of fasting requires endurance at least in some measure. This is true not only in specific seasons of fasting, but also in our daily walk with the Lord. There are many distractions coming at us on a moment by moment basis that test our desire to remain firm in faith without yielding or giving in. While the Lord is always faithful to accompany us, we are in need of great endurance and patience as we walk with Him.

So what does endurance look in the life of a believer? It begins with the single-minded sense of the Lord's presence and direction in our lives. Jesus "set His face to go to Jerusalem." Likewise, we set our hearts to follow Him --- as Eugene Peterson says, "a long obedience in the same direction."

Remaining firm in this life-long obedience is undergirded with the practice of spiritual disciplines and unforced rhythms of grace under the direction of the Holy Spirit that keep us in that precious place of intimacy..... to name a few.....solitude, silence, reading and meditating on the Word, worshipping, fasting, praying, gathering regularly to fellowship and break bread together at His table.

Spirit of God, we join the Apostle Paul in asking to be strengthened with the divine power of Your glorious might for great endurance as we journey with Jesus.

*In His Love,
Art & Roberta Rader*

We encourage everyone to read and meditate on the article by Ray Borg in the current ASKing point entitled “Setting Our Compass to True North”. This article is one that you will want to refer to over the entirety of 2020.

Ray encourages us to be alert and attentive in our daily lives to what the Lord is saying during this season. He lists several key scriptures that will help in repositioning us to see more clearly and not be swayed by the world’s systems.

In the final paragraph Ray says, “Let us enter this year with humility and a teachable heart and spirit.” Thoroughly reading and meditating on the scriptures within this article with certainly move you to “humility and a teachable heart and spirit.”

Thank you Ray for an insightful article.

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**In the
National Prayer Call**

**Third Saturday of each
Month**

**Participate on the
following Saturdays:**

February 15th

March 21st

International ASKing Point

Jan/Feb 2020

**ASKing for:
Vatican City
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And His fullness fills you,
even though you were once
like corpses, dead in your
sins and offenses.
Ephesians 2:1

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7AM – PACIFIC

8AM – MOUNTAIN

9AM – CENTRAL

10AM – EASTERN

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*ROBERTA AND I WOULD LIKE
TO THANK ALL OF YOU THAT
WERE ON THE NATIONAL
PRAYER CALL FOR JANUARY.
WE WERE GRATEFUL FOR
EACH OF YOU THAT
REMEMBERED THE TIME
CHANGE AND WERE BLESSED
BY THE SWEETNESS OF HIS
PRESENCE.*

TODA RABA*(HEBREW FOR THANK YOU VERY MUCH)****Thoughts on a New Year***

Most of us have seen the commercials for weight loss programs and cries from exercise gurus and gyms that tell us January is the month to work on getting your physical body under control. The world is only imitating what the Kingdom of God has already initiated.

Many churches call corporate fasts during the month of January. The same with other Christ-centered organizations. We take the beginning of a new year to focus on getting the flesh under control. This gives us an opportunity to gain control of our fleshly appetites not just for food, but also for worldly pleasures that drown out the voice of God. As we move into the second and third month of 2020 please remember that fasting (in whatever fashion that is for you) helps us to maintain a cleansed spiritual palate so that we can taste and see that the Lord is good.

