

# First Things First

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Welcome to our January series **First Things First!**  
Today we'll learn to establish godly priorities in 2019--  
choosing what's spiritually important over what's urgent!

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## **Psalm 39:4 (NLT)**

Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be.  
Remind me that my days are numbered— how fleeting  
my life is.

## **Matthew 6:33**

...Seek first (God's) kingdom and his righteousness, and  
all these things will be given to you as well.

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## **URGENT vs IMPORTANT**

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	URGENT	NOT URGENT
IMPORTANT	<b>DO</b> <i>Do it now.</i> Write article for today.	<b>DECIDE</b> <i>Schedule a time to do it.</i> Exercising. Calling family and friends. Researching articles. Long-term biz strategy.
NOT IMPORTANT	<b>DELEGATE</b> <i>Who can do it for you?</i> Scheduling interviews. Booking flights. Approving comments. Answering certain emails. Sharing articles.	<b>DELETE</b> <i>Eliminate it.</i> Watching television. Checking social media. Sorting through junk mail.

*"What is important is seldom urgent and what is urgent is seldom important."  
-Dwight Eisenhower, 34th President of the United States*

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## **GIVE GOD...**

### **1) The first 15 MINUTES of your day.**

O God, You are my God; early will I seek You... my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water - *Psalm 63:1 NKJV*

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. - *Mark 1:35*

### **2) The first DAY of your week.**

On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. - *Acts 20:7*

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another...  
- *Hebrews 10:25*

### **3) The first FAST of your year.**

Declare a holy fast; call a sacred assembly. Summon the elders and all who live in the land to the house of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord. - *Joel 1:14*



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THE FIRST DAY  
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THE FIRST FAST  
OF YOUR YEAR

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## ***21-Day Daniel Fast*** **begins Monday, January 14th!**

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***21-Day Fast*** To kick-off 2019, our church is doing a 21-day Daniel Fast to seek the Lord and draw closer to Christ. Hungry for more of the Holy Spirit? More of God's presence and power in your life? Join us next Sunday for Fast details and Communion!