



## Daniel Fast Overview

The Daniel Fast is a spiritual discipline designed to better connect us with God. As members of The Message Church, we will take 21 days to deepen our relationship with God and center ourselves around what God is going to do in our church and in our lives during this period. In conjunction with the fast we will be reading one chapter in the book of John per day for the duration of the fast. This will be a challenging process, but we look forward to seeing what God does in our church and experiencing him with intensity during the 21 days of the fast.

**Who:**

The entire church is invited to participate in the fast and join us as we seek God during this exciting season.

**When:**

Monday, January 16 to Sunday, February 5.

**What:**

The Daniel Fast is a partial fast, which means that we will eliminate some common things from our daily diet, but will have generous options available. We will focus on eating fruits and vegetables that are pure and simple. We have included a list of foods to eat and foods to avoid.

*\*If you have any known medical conditions or suspect such conditions, consult your doctor before beginning the fast.*

**How:**

There are multiple online resources available on the Daniel Fast. One thing you will notice is that there are many ways to do the fast. This is, in part, due to the lack of clarity in the Bible as to exactly what Daniel did during his fast. However, to keep it simple, we have included in this packet what we will be doing during the fast and some of the resources we will be using. This fast will require preparation as most meals will be made from scratch. We will have some recipes available online.

*Resources:*

[www.danielfast.elevationchurch.org](http://www.danielfast.elevationchurch.org)  
[www.christ-web.com/missions/farho/daniel-fast](http://www.christ-web.com/missions/farho/daniel-fast)  
[www.danielfast.wordpress.com/](http://www.danielfast.wordpress.com/)  
[www.hacres.com/recipes/recipes.asp](http://www.hacres.com/recipes/recipes.asp)

## Preparation for the Daniel Fast

First, have the right kinds of foods in the house that you can eat for the Daniel Fast. Also, plan your menus and prepare the foods so they are available to you.

Second, you might want to get rid of or at least put away foods that are tempting. Kind of like the biblical accounts of Jewish women as they prepared for the Passover by cleaning their houses from top to bottom and removed all yeast from their homes. Many Jews engage in this same practice today when they prepare for the Passover.

Third, plan time to prepare meals as they will likely take a little longer than when you are not fasting. Most of the meals you prepare will be from scratch since there are so few prepared products that don't have chemicals in them. So you will want to set aside enough time to prepare your meals, not only for those you will have at home, but also those you will have at work or when you are traveling.

1. You will probably need to cook a vast majority of your meals "from scratch." That's because so many of the prepared foods include sugar and chemicals, which are both no-no's on the Daniel Fast.
2. READ THE LABELS. You will likely be amazed, and maybe even a bit discouraged, as you try to find prepared foods that are sugar-free and chemical-free. And this is why in point #1 I said you will likely prepare most of your meals from scratch. But make sure you read the labels.
3. Use frozen vegetables. Obviously, you will increase your use of vegetables on the Daniel Fast. The good news is that the vegetables found in the frozen food cases are usually totally free from any chemicals and they are more nutritious than most vegetables found in the produce section (that's because fruits and vegetables lose their vitamins and minerals the longer they are separated from their vine or branch - wow, there's a spiritual truth in that statement - and when the foods are flash frozen within only a few hours from harvesting, they retain more of their food value). Frozen fruits and vegetables are also "ready to go." They are washed, trimmed, sliced and diced and ready for you to do your creative work on them to make them even better!
4. Generally, if a food is a fruit or vegetable and free from sugar or chemicals, it is okay for the Daniel Fast. Make sure you review the Daniel Fast Food List and then make a call.
5. Beans, rice and tofu are great sources of protein. The Daniel Fast is a great time to find new recipes that may become family favorites. There are millions of people in the world who eat foods consistent with the Daniel Fast as their core diet. Look for Asian, Latin, and East Indian recipes and you will find many are appropriate for the Daniel Fast with just a few variations.

## **Foods to include in your diet during the Daniel Fast...**

**All fruits:** These can be fresh, frozen, dried, juiced or canned (watch for added sugar).

Apples	Coconuts	Limes	Pineapples
Apricots	Cranberries	Mangoes	Plums
Avocados	Dates	Melons	Prunes
Bananas	Figs	Mulberry	Raisins
Berries	Grapefruit	Nectarines	Raspberries
Blackberries	Grapes	Oats	Strawberries
Blueberries	Grenadine	Olives	Tangelos
Boysenberries	Guava	Oranges	Tangerines
Breadfruit	Honeydew melons	Papayas	Watermelon
Cantaloupe	Kiwi	Peaches	
Cherries	Lemons	Pears	

**Vegetables:** These can be fresh, frozen, dried, juiced or canned (watch salt content).

Artichokes	Collard greens	Mustard greens	Sprouts
Asparagus	Corn	Okra	Squashes
Beets	Cucumbers	Onions	Sweet potatoes
Broccoli	Eggplant	Parsley	Tomatoes
Brussel sprouts	Garlic	Peppers	Turnips
Cabbage	Ginger root	Potatoes	Watercress
Carrots	Kale	Radishes	Yams
Cauliflower	Leeks	Rutabagas	Zucchini
Celery	Lettuce	Scallions	
Chili peppers	Mushrooms	Spinach	

### **Legumes:**

Dried beans	Black eyed peas	Beans
Black beans	Green beans	Lentils
Cannellini	Green peas	Lupines
Pinto beans	Kidney beans	White
Split peas	Peanuts (includes natural peanut butter)	Peas
Lentils		

### **Seeds:**

All nuts (raw, unsalted)	Cashews	Sesame
Sprouts	Walnuts	Almonds
Ground flax	Sunflower	Natural Almond Butter

### **Whole Grains:**

Whole wheat	Rolled Oats	Whole wheat tortillas
Brown rice	Plain Oatmeal – not instant	Plain Rice cakes
Millet	Barley	Popcorn (see recipe in FAQ's)
Quinoa	Grits (no butter)	
Oats	Whole wheat pasta	

### **Liquids:**

Water (spring, distilled, filtered)	Herbal (caffeine free) Tea
Unsweetened Soy Milk	100% Fruit/Vegetable Juice (no added sugar)

### **Other:**

Tofu	Small amounts of Olive Oil
Soy products	Spices (read the label to be sure there are no preservatives)
Herbs	
Small amounts of Honey	
Small amounts of Sea Salt	
Small amounts of Ezekiel Bread	

## **Foods to avoid on the Daniel Fast...**

All animal products including all meat, poultry, fish...  
White rice  
White bread  
All deep fried foods  
Caffeine  
Coffee (including decaf b/c contains small amount of caffeine)  
Carbonated beverages  
Energy drinks  
Foods containing preservatives, additives  
Refined foods  
Processed foods  
Food additives  
Refined sugar  
Sugar substitutes  
Raw sugar  
Syrups  
Molasses  
Cane juice  
White flour  
Margarine  
Shortening  
High fat products  
Butter  
All leavened breads  
Baked goods  
All dairy  
Milk  
Cheese  
Yogurt  
Cream  
Eggs  
Alcohol  
Mayonnaise

## Common FAQ's

### **What about prepared foods?**

Read the labels of all prepared foods. Remember the Daniel Fast is sugar-free and chemical-free. So, if you use any canned fruits, vegetables, packaged foods, or prepared sauces you must read the label to be aware about just what is in there.

### **What about pasta?**

Make sure the label says whole grain pasta with no additives (watch for sugar). Whole grain pasta offers 7 grams of protein per serving (3/4 cup of dried pasta).

### **I know it says raw, unsalted nuts, but what about roasted nuts?**

The goal would be to stick to raw, unsalted nuts. But these are harder to find so in a pinch just make sure you get plain roasted, unsalted nuts with no preservatives.

### **How do I get enough protein in my diet while on the fast?**

The following are protein-rich foods that are allowed on the Daniel Fast... almonds, sunflower seeds, lentils, quinoa, brown rice, split peas, whole grains, and tofu.

### **What kind of peanut butter is allowed?**

A natural peanut butter with no additives...watch for sugars including molasses. Smucker's creamy natural peanut butter has nothing but peanuts in it.

### **What about popcorn?**

Corn is listed in the vegetables to eat list. You can use a pot on the stove...here is a recipe.

- 1) Put two tbsp. of olive oil in the bottom of a large pot.
- 2) Add enough popcorn to cover the bottom of the pan.
- 3) Turn heat to medium high. Look for the first popcorn kernel to pop.
- 4) Put the lid on the pot. Using potholders shake the pot over the burner.
- 5) Continue shaking until you no longer hear kernels popping. Remove from heat.

### **How can I identify whole grain foods?**

Typically if the ingredient lists "whole wheat", "rolled oats", or "whole corn" as the first ingredient, the product is a whole grain food item. Another way to identify whole grains in the foods you eat is to look in the nutritional facts information and check if the food item contains dietary fiber. If it contains a significant amount, it most likely contains whole grains. "Wheat flour" is not a whole grain and therefore does not indicate a whole grain product.

### **What about salad dressing?**

Olive oil and lemon or lime are an option.

### **Do I need to eat organic foods while on the fast?**

No, but it is suggested because organic foods are produced without the use of feed or fertilizer of plant or animal origin and without employment of chemically formulated fertilizers, growth stimulants, antibiotics, or pesticides.

### **Where can I go out to eat?**

Well, we think you can go anywhere and order cautiously, asking lots of questions to the wait staff, knowing ahead of time that you may be ordering a salad with olive oil and a baked potato with no extras. Tidal Creek Food Coop and Lovey's are two natural foods stores in Wilmington that may make the eating out experience a bit easier.

### **What about bread?**

We are recommending the Ezekiel bread found in the freezer section of your grocery/health food store.

### **How much can I eat?**

As long as they are the appropriate foods, we are recommending eating until satisfied with no limits.



## **Gospel of John Devotionals**

January 16 – February 5

Please use these devotional thoughts to encourage and challenge you as we are seeking God together for great things over the 21 days of our fast.

### **January 16**

#### John 1

God is not only the great God who created the universe and rules over all things seen and unseen, but He has also come near to us through Jesus. In verse 12 we read that God has invited us through Christ to be placed so close to His heart that we are called His children. Take a minute as we begin the next 21 days of seeking God together to thank Him for how great He is; so great that we can call Him Father...

### **January 17**

#### John 2

Jesus went to Jerusalem to prepare for the upcoming Passover feast. He found the people distracted by material goods and wealth instead of preparing for the spiritual awakening that was to occur during Passover. We are taking the time to spiritually prepare before the spiritual awakening that is to come. Do not be distracted by your personal surroundings or agendas.

### **January 18**

#### John 3

John the Baptist said, "He must become greater and I must become less." (verse 30) So get to it!

### **January 19**

#### John 4

Knowing our past completely, Christ is still pursuing us and calling us to righteousness. The decision to obey Christ is not always an easy one so we must confront uncomfortable situations with confidence. When we embrace truth and overcome the things that hold us down, then through our obedience, others will see and follow Christ as well (verse 39).

## **January 20**

### John 5

It's a new day! Jesus says that through our belief we can cross over from death to life. If you look around, you will probably see many people who need new life; who need hope! Pray that God will use you and your life to help someone else make today a new day!

## **January 21**

### John 6

Jesus used the little that was given and did a miraculous thing. Through this story we learn that we must bring the little that we have so that God can miraculously multiply it to affect thousands. It is not a coincidence that the person whose obedience fed thousands was a little boy. Often it's the least likely person that God uses to do the most profound things.

## **January 22**

### John 7

Jesus compares our spiritual life to the never-ending physical desire that we experience when we are thirsty. Are you thirsty?

## **January 23**

### John 8

Jesus says, "If the son has set you free, you will be free indeed." There is no sin that has not been conquered by Christ. There is no bondage that He cannot break you out of. If we unite our life with Christ who is the true, there is nothing that can keep us enslaved.

## **January 24**

### John 9

The great irony of this chapter is that a social outcast, a man who had no platform, and who had been overlooked his whole life was used by God to humble the Pharisees, who doubted Christ. In other words, the Pharisees who were not physically blind were actually the ones who were blind to the truth that Christ was pointing at. Check your sight! Are there traditions, rules and regulations in your life that are keeping you from seeing what Christ is highlighting?

## **January 25**

### John 10

Jesus says listen to my voice – 4 times.

God calls us to listen for His voice so that we may follow Him. It also says that those who don't know His voice will turn away. It is sad to think that we could be missing out on something great because we are not in a position to hear God's voice.

## **January 26**

### John 11

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead but before he did that he felt the sorrow of the loss (verse 35). Jesus has the power even to bring someone back to life, but just because we lean on Him doesn't mean we will never experience the pain and sorrow of loss. If you are struggling through a situation in your life and it seems like God is reserving His power for other people, take courage because Jesus mourned with Lazarus' sisters before He raised Lazarus from the dead.

## **January 27**

### John 12

Mary poured out expensive perfume on Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. It was such an act of extravagant love toward Christ that those standing there misunderstood her intentions. Even when your intentions are misunderstood if your motives are right in demonstrating your love for Christ, don't worry about what others say. When the time is right Jesus will come to your defense!

## **January 28**

### John 13

Jesus washes the feet of the disciples as an act of great submission and humility. He then turns to the disciples and tells them that they should do the same for each other. As you are going about your day today, commit to serve those around you. Refill someone's drink, let that guy pull out in front of you in traffic, get someone's mail for them, pay for someone's lunch, or mow your neighbor's lawn. You may not be noticed, in fact, you may be betrayed like Jesus was, but getting Christ is better than getting credit...

## **January 29**

### John 14

Jesus says, "I am the way..." When we are lost and confused about the direction we are supposed to take, Jesus *is* the way. In the midst of confusing times and tough decisions we are tempted to run to every other means of finding direction. We look to popular people to tell us how we should act and we look to powerful people to show us what to work towards. But Jesus says that He is the way. If we seek Jesus first all the other stuff will be made clear as well (Matthew 6:33).

## **January 30**

### John 15

What does it mean to remain in Christ? In verse 10 Jesus says that if we obey His commands we will remain and His command is detailed out in verse 12, "Love each other!" When we love each other, we love Christ. When we are generous toward each other, we are generous toward Christ. When we meet each other's needs, we meet the needs of Christ. To the measure that we invest our lives in the lives of those around us, we remain in Christ... So, remain in Christ and do something for someone else!

## **January 31**

### John 16

Jesus says, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world..." (verse 33). All that we struggle with, from the pain of losing someone we love, to the loneliness we feel when our family rejects our faith. When we feel the biting sting of guilt for sins we commit and the crushing weight of anger from injustice we see. All of these things are "of the world". But we serve a God who has "overcome the world" and in Him we have hope.

## **February 1**

### John 17

In verse 22 Jesus prays that all believers would be unified. When Jesus prays something, it happens. God doesn't wait around to decide if He is going to grant Jesus' requests. In other words, if Jesus prayed that we would be unified, we are! So let's protect the unity that Jesus has given us as believers and submit to one another out of reverence for Christ (Ephesians 5:21).

## **February 2**

### John 18

Peter denies Jesus three times in this chapter. Like Peter, some of you may have denied Jesus too. When this happens, be encouraged. Just like Jesus had a plan for Peter's restoration, God already has a plan for yours. Turn back to Christ so He can bring you into His full plan and you can begin to live out the great calling He has for you today.

## **February 3**

### John 19

The story of God's relationship to us culminates in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We have already read that Jesus came near to us, that He is the way and that through Him we can become children of God. But for that to happen, Jesus had to endure suffering and conquer death in our place. In Chapter 19 we are not only reading about the details Jesus' suffering, we are reading about the culmination of God's plan for our salvation. Take a minute to thank God for His triumph over suffering and death on our behalf.

## **February 4**

### John 20

Of all the things that Jesus could have said when he entered the room with the disciples after He rose from the dead He chose to say, "as the Father sent me, I am sending you" (verse 21). Jesus' ultimate goal in coming to us is that we would go to others. Who are you going to? When will you make the ask?

## **February 5**

### John 21

Just like Peter who went back to fishing we are often tempted to go back to something familiar when we perceive that a great season has come to a close. Jesus had already told Peter that he was the rock upon which He would build the Church. But at the end of this book Peter is still fishing. At the end of the Gospel series we have seen God do great things as hundreds of people have come to faith in Christ. Let's not fall back into the familiar and the comfortable just because we perceive this great season has come to a close. This season will be the foundation of the next. Keep pushing! God's greatest miracle is coming.

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## Breakfast Recipes

### Easy High-protein Breakfast Stir-fry for the Daniel Fast

1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 medium onion, sliced  
1/2 green pepper, chopped  
1 cup firm tofu, diced in bite-sized pieces  
Fresh Italian herbs to taste

Heat a skillet over medium heat. Add oil and heat for a couple minutes. Add the onions and green peppers and stir fry for 2-3 minutes. Add tofu, garlic salt and Italian herbs. Continue to cook until vegetables are soft.

Makes two servings.

### Muesli

1/2 cup muesli (Bob's Red Mill Old Country Style)  
1/2 cup water

Bring water to a boil and add the muesli. Simmer for 2-5 minutes.

### Granola

4 cups rolled oats  
1 cup crushed almonds  
1/2 cup whole grain flour  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1/4 cup shredded coconut  
1 cup sunflower seeds  
1/2 cup wheat germ or other whole grain bran  
3/4 - 1 cup honey  
1 cup pumpkin seeds

Mix all together and spread out on a non-stick cookie sheet. Bake 20 min. in a 250 degree preheated oven. Stir and continue to bake another 20 min., stirring periodically to prevent burning. The granola should be lightly browned. Remove from oven and serve warm or cool thoroughly and store in tightly sealed container or plastic bags. Option: After the granola is cooled, add raisins or other organic, unsulphured dehydrated fruit.

### Apple Blueberry Oatmeal Cereal

2 sweet apples  
3/4 cup rolled oats  
1 cup blueberries  
1/2 cup almonds  
1 cup apple juice

Cook the oats as directed on box. Chop or grind the almonds, chop the apples and combine. Add the blueberries. Top with a sprinkle of nutmeg, cinnamon and apple juice.

## Meals and Sides

### Quick Tomato Sauce

This is an easy recipe for homemade tomato sauce that you can use as a base for vegetable casseroles, over 100% whole wheat pasta, or over brown rice.

2 tablespoons olive oil	Salt to taste
1 medium yellow onion (chopped)	1/4 cup cilantro, finely chopped
2 cans diced tomatoes (14.5 oz) (or fresh)	

Sauté onions in heated oil over medium heat, cooking until soft. Add tomatoes (including juice) and salt. Simmer until slightly thickened, about 10 minutes. Add cilantro and simmer for 5 or 10 more minutes. Serve over pasta, rice or cooked vegetables.

### Spicy Green Beans

2 tablespoons vegetable oil	3 cloves garlic, minced
1 pound green beans, trimmed	1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1/4 teaspoon salt	

Heat oil in frying pan or wok over medium high heat. Add trimmed green beans and salt. Cook, stirring frequently for 3 minutes. Stir in garlic and red pepper flakes, cooking for 1 more minute.

### Herb-Roasted Idaho Potato Fries

by Denise Austin

Makes 4 servings

1 pound small baking potatoes	1/2 tsp dried rosemary
2 tsp extra-virgin olive oil	1/4 tsp salt
1/2 tsp dried thyme	

Preheat the oven to 425°F. Coat a heavy baking sheet with cooking spray. Cut each potato in half crosswise. Place the halves cut side down on the cutting board and cut each into 4 wedges. Place the potatoes in a mound on the prepared baking sheet. In a cup, mix the oil, thyme, rosemary, salt, and pepper. Pour over the potato wedges and toss to mix well. Spread the potatoes out on the sheet. Bake, stirring 2 or 3 times, until tender and lightly browned, about 35 minutes. Serve hot.

### Minestrone Soup

8 cups vegetable stock	1 cup cabbage
1 1/2 cups of garbanzo beans	1/4 tsp. oregano
2 cups red kidney beans	3/4 tsp. basil
1/2 cups carrots	1/4 tsp. thyme
3 medium tomatoes (or 1-14 oz can of unsweetened, unsalted Italian tomatoes)	1/2 cup celery
1/2 cup fresh parsley	1/2 cup onion
Sea salt	1 clove garlic
	1 pkg. spinach noodles cooked

Soak garbanzo and kidney beans overnight, drain and rinse. Peel and dice tomatoes. Cook and drain kidney and garbanzo beans as per directions on pkg. Mince garlic and parsley. Chop carrots, onion, celery, cabbage and garlic and sauté in water or soup stock over medium heat 5-7 min. Stir in cooked and drained kidney beans, garbanzo beans, diced tomatoes, and minced herbs. Bring to a simmer, then turn heat down and simmer 10 min. Stir in cabbage and parsley with lid partially on for about 15 min. or until cabbage is tender. Add more soup stock or tomatoes as needed. Serve over noodles.

### Black Bean Soup

8 cups vegetable stock	1 pd. black beans, soaked overnight, rinsed & drained
1 ½ cup onion	1 yellow or red pepper
1 cup celery	1 cup carrots
1 potato	2 Tbsp. cilantro
2 garlic cloves	1 Tbsp. parsley
1 tsp. honey	2 Tbsp. marjoram
2 bay leaves	1 whole onion
Sea salt	

Place beans in pot with veg. stock, whole onion and bay leaves. Bring to a boil and cook 2-1/2 hrs. or until beans are tender. Remove onion and bay leaves.

Chop onion, pepper, and celery. Grate carrots and potato on cheese grater. Mince garlic and sauté in Tbsp. olive oil until tender.

During last hour of cooking, combine vegetables and seasonings with beans. Bring to a boil, lower heat to simmer and cook until veggies and beans are tender.

### White Beans and Sautéed Vegetables

2 cans white beans, drained	½ cup carrot, finely diced
2 tablespoons olive oil	¼ cup virgin olive oil (to drizzle after beans are dished up)
½ cup yellow onion, chopped	Salt and pepper to taste
2 cloves garlic, minced	
½ cup celery, finely diced	

Drain the white beans and set aside

Heat olive oil and then add all the prepared vegetables to the pan and sauté until just done.

Add beans and heat thoroughly.

Dish up on serving plates, drizzle with extra virgin olive oil. Salt to taste.

Yield: 4 servings

Tip: It is best to cook with regular old pure olive oil - save the more costly extra virgin oil for salads, drizzling, and dipping. When cooked, extra virgin oil actually turns bitter and the great flavors are cooked away. So use the less expensive pure olive oil for sautéing and frying.

### Stir Fry Vegetables

1 red onion, sliced	3 carrots, peeled and sliced
3 stalks celery, thinly sliced	½ cup cauliflower, chopped
½ cup broccoli, chopped	1 cup zucchini, thinly sliced
1 bell pepper, sliced	1 cup yellow squash, thinly sliced
1 tsp. sea salt	1 Tbsp. Oriental seasoning

Stir-fry all vegetables in 1-2 Tbsp. olive oil until tender. Add salt and seasoning. Serve alone or over brown rice.

### Spanish Rice

1 cup brown rice	1 cup vegetable stock
1 cup tomato juice	1 tsp. oregano
1/3 cup green pepper	1/3 cup carrot
1/3 cup celery	1/3 cup onion
1 med. Tomato	2 small garlic cloves
2 tsp. chives	1 tsp. sea salt
1 tsp. basil	

Combine tomato juice and soup stock in large pot and bring to a boil. Add rice and reduce to simmer. Cover and cook for 25 min. Remove from heat and add the following: diced tomato, celery, and onion; minced garlic, chopped chives, grated carrots, seasoning and sea salt. Replace cover and simmer for 15-20 min.

### Rice-stuffed tomatoes

6 large tomatoes  
½ cup raisins  
2 Tbsp. chopped green pepper  
2 Tbsp. green onions  
2 cups cooked brown rice  
2 Tbsp. parsley

Dressing:  
¼ cup olive oil  
1 Tbsp. ketchup (with no added sugar)  
1 tsp. chili powder (optional)  
2 Tbsp. lemon juice  
½ tsp. dry mustard, optional  
1 tsp. curry powder

Remove the stem and cut a thin slice from the top of each tomato. Chop the edible portion of the tomato top and set aside. Scoop the pulp and seeds from the tomato and invert the tomatoes to drain. In a bowl combine chopped tomato, rice, raisins, green pepper, onion, and parsley. Prepare dressing and stir into rice. Season to taste. Fill tomato shells with rice mixture. Then you can either eat them like this or cook them in the oven at 350 for about 15-20 minutes until the tomatoes soften.

### Stuffed Peppers

2 Tbs. olive oil  
2 stalks celery, minced (1/2 cup)  
1 medium onion, minced  
1 tsp. salt  
1 clove garlic, minced (1 tsp.)  
2 cups cooked brown rice

1/2 cup yellow raisins  
1/2 cup vegetable broth  
5 oz tofu, mashed  
3 red bell peppers, laved lengthwise  
2 Tbs. fresh flat leaf parsley

Preheat oven to 400 degrees

Heat oil in pan over medium heat. Add celery, onion, ½ tsp. salt, and garlic. Sauté until soft (about 7 minutes). Add rice, raisins and broth; cook for about 5 minutes. This should be the consistency of stuffing. Meanwhile, mash tofu, ½ tsp. salt, and the parsley. Divide the tofu among the pepper halves then top with rice mixture. Place peppers in 9" x 12" casserole dish. Add water until it comes 1/2" up sides of peppers. Bake for 30 minutes or until peppers are soft and the stuffing is hot.

Yield: 6 servings

### Lentil Soup

2 tablespoons olive oil, plus extra for drizzling  
1 medium onion, chopped  
2 carrots, peeled and chopped  
2 celery stalks, chopped  
2 garlic cloves, chopped  
Salt

1 (14 1/2-ounce) can diced tomatoes  
1 pound lentils (approximately 1 1/4 cups)  
2/3 cup pearl barley  
11 cups vegetable broth (can substitute water)  
4 to 6 fresh thyme sprigs

Heat the oil in a heavy large pot over medium heat. Add the onion, carrots, and celery. Add the garlic and salt and sauté until all the vegetables are tender, about 5 to 8 minutes. Add the tomatoes with their juices. Simmer until the juices evaporate a little and the tomatoes break down, stirring occasionally, about 8 minutes. Add the lentils and pearl barley, mix to coat. Add the broth and stir. Add the thyme sprigs. Bring to a boil over high heat. Cover and simmer over low heat until the lentils and barley are tender, about 40 minutes. Season with salt to taste. Ladle the soup into bowls, drizzle with olive oil and serve.

Six Servings

### Vegetarian Chili

2 medium-sized green peppers, chopped  
1 medium-sized yellow onion, chopped  
1 zucchini, sliced  
1 yellow squash, sliced  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
2 tablespoons chili powder  
¾ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon ground red peppers  
2 cups corn kernels (fresh or frozen)  
2 16 oz. cans tomatoes (juice and all)  
2 16 oz. cans pinto beans (juice and all)  
2 16 oz. cans black beans (juice and all)  
1 4 oz. can mild green chilies  
1 4 oz. can of tomato paste

Chop and sauté in oil the peppers and onions. Add the sliced squashes, chili powder, salt, ground red peppers, and corn. When all the vegetables are soft but still firm, add the tomatoes, all the beans, the green chilies, and the tomato paste. Stir until just blended. Bring to a boil and then reduce the heat. Let simmer for 20 minutes stirring occasionally to prevent sticking.

Yield: 6 generous servings

### Barley and Black Bean Salad

This is a very easy and quick recipe. Beans and barley make a complete protein, so this is an excellent meal when eating a meatless diet. Each serving has 12 grams of protein.

1 cup barley, cooked according to package directions	1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1 (15 ounce) can black beans, rinsed	2 tablespoons lime juice
1/2 cup corn (thawed if frozen)	1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
	Salt to taste

Combine cooked barley, beans, corn, cilantro, lime juice, oil, and salt in a medium bowl. Serve on bed of chopped or torn lettuce.

Yield: 4 servings

### Whole Wheat Tortillas

You can buy 100% whole wheat tortillas, but these are easy to make. Use these tortillas for a veggie wrap or for chips with salsa.

2 cups whole wheat flour	2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 teaspoon salt	1/2 cup warm water

Mix flour and salt in bowl. Add olive oil and stir until well combined. Add warm water 1 tablespoon at a time until the mixture starts to pull away from the sides of the bowl. Knead dough on floured board for about 3 minutes (20 folds). Allow dough to rest for 15 minutes. Roll dough into sausage-shape and then cut into 12 equal parts (cut in half, then in half again, then each part into thirds) and shape into little ball. With a rolling pin, roll each little ball into a tortilla (for best results, roll out from the center and outward). Heat a skillet over medium heat. Fry the tortillas in a dry stick-free pan for about 30 seconds on each side for soft tortillas or longer for crisp tortillas.

Yield: Makes 12 tortillas

### Polenta "Biscuits" for the Daniel Fast

This recipe for polenta "biscuits" is a nice addition to soups, stews or casseroles. Plus the tofu is rich in protein.

1/2 cup dry polenta	2 - 12 ounce packages extra-firm tofu, drained
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning	1 tablespoon olive oil
Salt	

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine polenta, Italian seasoning, & salt on a plate. Slice the tofu into 2" x 2" squares (approximate). Brush tofu pieces with olive oil and dredge in polenta mixture. Transfer to baking pan lined with parchment paper or sprayed with 100 percent olive oil spray. Bake 30 minutes or until browned. Serve by laying polenta biscuits on top of stew or with soup or casserole.

### Celery and Peanut Butter Snacks

Stuff celery with peanut butter and add nuts or raisins.

### Harira

Harira is a great recipe for the Daniel Fast as it has nearly 15 grams of protein per serving.

2 Tbs oil	1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
1 cup chopped onion	2 garlic clove, minced
1/2 cup chopped celery	2 cups organic mushroom broth
2 cups warm water	1 1/2 cups chopped and seeded plum tomatoes
Pinch of saffron threads	1/2 cup dried small red lentils
1/2 tsp salt, divided	2 15 oz. cans no-salt-added chickpeas, drained
1/4 tsp peeled fresh ginger, minced	3 Tbs chopped fresh cilantro
1/4 tsp ground red pepper	3 Tbs chopped fresh parsley

Heat oil in a large saucepan on medium heat. Add onion and celery and sauté 4 minutes or until tender. Combine 2 cups warm water and saffron, let stand 2 minutes. Add 1/4 tsp salt, ginger, red pepper, cinnamon, and garlic. Cook 1 minute. Add saffron water mixture, broth, tomato, lentils, and chickpeas. Bring to boil then reduce heat. Simmer 20 minutes or until lentils are tender. Stir in cilantro, parsley, and remaining 1/4 tsp salt. Yield: 4 servings

### Fast Food for the Daniel Fast

Okay, there are going to be times on the Daniel Fast when you need a quick meal. In fact, when you prepare for the Daniel Fast, you'll want to stock up on a few of these items so you have them on hand.

- 1 can organic tomato soup (check the label for ingredients)
- 1 can white beans
- 1 cup mixed vegetables (frozen)
- Season to taste (thyme, mixed Italian, cilantro, parsley, whatever you like)

Add everything to the pan at the same time. Heat until the vegetables are the consistency you like them (usually between 5 and 10 minutes). Serve!  
Serves 2-4 depending on size of serving!

### Vegetable Stock

A good vegetable stock is useful in the Daniel Fast. Vegetable stock is an excellent substitute for chicken or beef stock.

Makes 4 cups of vegetable stock

- 2 large onions, cut into large chunks
- 2 medium carrots, scrubbed but not peeled, cut into large chunks
- 3 stalks of celery, remove and discard all leaves, cut into large chunks
- 1 whole bulb of garlic, peel each clove, but do not chop
- 1 bay leaf

Cut all the vegetables into large pieces. Place all ingredients into a large pot. Cover with cold water. Turn the stove to a high temperature, and bring the stock to a quick simmer. Once the water comes to boil, turn heat to low. Allow the vegetables to simmer for an hour. Any longer than an hour and the vegetables will begin to turn mushy and begin to lose all their flavorful vibrancy, leaving a wilted taste to the stock. Strain the stock. It should be light in color, sweet in flavor and translucent. Now you can use the stock in place of chicken or beef stock. You may need to increase seasoning when replacing one of these more flavorful stocks.

\*\* Season the stock with other herbs such as parsley, thyme or rosemary. You can also use ginger if you plan to use the stock for an Asian recipe. You can also caramelize the onions and carrots before adding them to the stock for a richer and more flavorful stock. Roasting the vegetables before adding them to the stock also makes for a different flavor in the stock.

### Greek Vegetable Stew

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| 2 tablespoons oil                          | 4 tomatoes, quartered      |
| 2 onions, chopped                          | 1 teaspoon salt            |
| 1 pound green string beans, broken in half | 8 slices lemon             |
| 1 package frozen or fresh spinach          | 1 tablespoon dried oregano |
| 4 cups water                               | 3 tablespoons fresh basil  |
| 6 zucchini, chunked                        | 2 cloves chopped garlic    |
| 4 yellow squash, chunked                   | 2 tablespoons lemon juice  |
| 2 cups celery leaves                       |                            |

Lightly brown onions in a hot skillet in 2 tablespoons oil. Add oregano & garlic. Cook 1 minute. Add 4 cups water and tomatoes. Cook 10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients. Cook covered for 40 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve with a lemon slice in each bowl.  
Eight servings

Barbara's Rice, Black beans and corn

1 can Organic Black beans drained	organic corn tortilla
1 can of Organic corn drained	homemade salsa (see below)
organic long grain rice	avocado

Combine 1 can Organic Black beans drained and 1 can of Organic corn drained. Heat and place on top of organic long grain rice (cooked). Top with homemade salsa (which is 2 tomatoes diced, 1 onions diced, cilantro, squirt of lime, clove of garlic minced, tad bit of salt, 1 Jalapeno minced, 1/2 of an avocado diced.) Serve with organic corn tortilla (you can heat them and make them crunchy. I just cut them into triangles and make them like chips. (Organic ones are made with just corn and lime) Serve with sliced avocados.

Karen's Tabouleh

1 bunch parsley	3 tbs Bulgur (cracked wheat)
1 small onion	juice of 1 lemon
1 small tomato	olive oil

Soak bulgur for 1 hour in warm water. Chop parsley very fine. Chop onion and tomato combine all ingredients. Drizzle olive oil and squeeze lemon into mixture. Salt to taste.

Susan's Black Bean & Brown Rice Stuffed Peppers

1 qt 100% Vegetable or Tomato Juice	2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
2 cups cooked black beans	2 tbsp lime juice
1 cup cooked brown rice	1 clove garlic (finely chopped)
2 med green onions (chopped)	2-3 large bell peppers (cut in half lengthwise and deseeded)
¼ cup fresh cilantro (chopped)	

Combine all ingredients except juice and bell peppers in bowl and mix well. Place peppers in glass dish and stuff with mixture. Pour juice over peppers and plenty of excess in the dish. Cover and bake in oven on 350 degrees for 45-60 minutes.

Maria's Curry brown rice

Cooked brown rice	1/4 c onions
1-2 tspn curry powder	1/4 c tomato
1/2 c frozen sweet peas	1/2 tspn dried thyme leaves
1/2 c corn	1 tbsp virgin olive oil

1. Make the desired amount of brown rice.
2. Dice the onion and tomato.
3. Heat pan with olive oil. Mix in tomato, onions, thyme, corn, sweet peas and curry.
4. Stir until onion and tomato is cooked. Add water sparingly to keep it from sticking to the pan.
5. Add already cooked brown rice.
6. If desirable, add hot peppers such as jalapenos or scotch bonnet or leave the flammable spices out.

Angela's veggie soup

1 28oz. can diced or crushed tomatoes	salt to taste
1 6oz. can tomato paste	2 medium onions diced
1 can of tomato sauce	1 tsp garlic
1 can (drained ) each of corn, green beans, potatoes, english peas, carrots.	4-5 bay leaves

Add water to cover items cook in slow cooker for 3-4 hrs or on stove top. Could also add mushrooms or other veggies you enjoy.

#### Cathy's Leek and Potato soup

1 tsp crushed fennel seeds	4 pints vegetable stock
2 cloves garlic	2 lbs leeks (trimmed, cleaned, sliced)
2 tbsp olive oil	2 lbs potatoes (cleaned, cut into cubes)

Heat olive oil on a medium heat in a large pan. Add garlic - heat for a few mins until golden. Add fennel seeds and stir in with garlic. Add leeks and potatoes and mix well with other ingredients. Cover and cook for 5 mins. Stir quickly. Cover and cook for further 5 mins. Add stock. Bring to boil, then cover, turn heat down and simmer for 40 mins.

#### Lola's Black bean soup

I make this with canned black beans. Basically just black beans, vegetable broth, crushed garlic, large chopped onion, 1 jar of all natural salsa, chopped jalapeño, chopped Cilantro. Combine all ingredients and enjoy. Amount of broth depends on how chunky you like your soup.

#### Hot water cornbread

White or yellow corn meal, hot water

Stir it up very well. Pat out individually like hamburger patties. Brown both sides in skillet with olive oil.

#### Rice, Green Beans and Lentils

1 cup rice	1 TBSP tomato paste
1/2 cup lentils rinsed	1 can green beans not drained
1 tsp. cinnamon	1 cup of water
1 tsp. salt	

Rice cooked in rice cooker. The rest of the ingredients go in crock pot for five hours on medium to high.

#### Rice and Lentils

1 cup rice	1 tsp salt
1/2 cup of lentils	
2 cups water	

Rice cooked in rice cooker. The rest of the ingredients go in crock pot for five hours on high.

#### Vegetable soup and navy beans

1 cup puree spinach	1 tsp salt
1 cup puree green beans	1 cup water
1 can navy beans rinsed and drained	

Put all ingredients in crock pot for four hours on medium.

#### Mashed pinto beans on whole grain taco shells

1 can pinto beans rinsed and drained  
1 TBSP of raisins  
1 tsp salt

Cook pinto beans and raisins in crock pot for four hours blend in blender serve with whole grain soft taco shells.

Rice and Chick Peas

1 cup rice	1 tsp salt
1 can chick peas drained and rinsed	1 TBSP raisins
1 cup water	

Cook rice in a rice cooker. Put rest of ingredients in crook pot and cook four hours at medium

Mrs. Jones' Brown Rice Dinner

1 cup of Brown Rice  
2.5 cups water

Bring to rolling boil, reduce heat and simmer/steam for 45 minutes.

Half way through the cooking time, add:

1/2 cup of fresh salsa	1/2 of a chopped red bell pepper
1 cup of frozen corn	3/4 cup of cooked black beans

Stir and replace cover for remainder of cooking time. Serve with fresh sliced avocado.

## Snacks

### Popcorn

1/4 cup unpopped popping corn  
1 brown lunch bag

Place corn kernels in lunch bag. Fold at end 2-3 times. Place in microwave on High for 2-3 minutes, until kernels stop popping. More of the kernels will pop with repeated refills as the bag gets hotter. Just leave the unpopped kernels in the bag for the next serving.

### Cantaloupe Tonight Melon Smoothie

1/2 medium-size cantaloupe, seeded and cut from the rind.  
1/2 cup orange juice (juiced from fresh oranges)  
Juice of 2 limes (taste before you add all the juice at once)  
1 medium-size, banana, peeled and cut into chunks  
Fresh mint leaves for garnish (optional)  
2 cups of ice cubes - makes it like a frozen ice drink (optional)

Mix all in a blender, and serve. Serves 2

You can use this same general recipe to make all kinds of different smoothies. Just make sure you use some kind of juice and the bananas. Add water or more juice if it gets too thick. Frozen fruit works well for this.

## Salads/Dressings

### Salad

3 cups bite-size pieces fresh spinach  
1/2 cup sliced strawberries  
1/2 cup cubed cantaloupe

Optional 1/2 cup sliced oranges  
2 medium green onions, sliced

In a tightly covered container, shake all dressing ingredients. In large bowl, toss all salad ingredients with dressing.

### Strawberry-Melon Spinach Salad Dressing:

1 tablespoon orange juice  
1 tablespoon honey (if you are allowing honey)

1 1/2 teaspoon olive oil

### Avocado Tomato Dressing

2 ripe avocados, peeled and pitted  
1 med. ripe tomato  
1 tsp. herb seasoning

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice  
Sea salt to taste

Place all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth.

### Creamy Green Dressing

1/2 med. ripe avocado, peeled and pitted  
3/4 cup distilled water  
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
1/4 cup almonds, soaked overnight and drained

1/4 tsp. garlic powder  
1 1/4 tsp. onion powder or flakes  
Sea salt

Blend all ingredients until smooth.

### Pesto Dressing

4 small garlic cloves, peeled  
2 2/3 cup tightly packed fresh basil leaves  
1/3 cup pine nuts

1/3 cup cold-pressed extra virgin olive oil  
Sea salt

Place all ingredients in food processor except oil and process until chopped fine. With the machine running, slowly add oil through the feed tube. Continue to process until smooth.

### Herb Vinaigrette

1/3 cup fresh lemon juice  
1/2 tsp. dried basil (if using fresh, use twice as much)  
1 tsp. dried oregano  
1/4 tsp sea salt

1/2 tsp dry mustard (optional)  
1/2 cup fresh Italian parsley, minced  
1 cup olive oil  
1 garlic clove, peeled and minced

Combine all ingredients in a jar and shake.

### Italian Dressing

½ cup olive oil	½ cup distilled water
¼ cup fresh lemon juice	1 green onion, chopped
1-2 garlic cloves, peeled	1 tsp. honey
1 tsp. whole grain mustard seed (optional)	Dash Cayenne

Place all ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth. Remove from blender and add 2 tsp. Italian seasoning or 1 tsp. oregano and ½ tsp. basil. Mix well.

### French Dressing

1 cup olive oil	¾ cup salt free tomato puree
1/3 cup fresh lemon juice	1 tablespoon onion powder
1/3 cup honey	½ tsp. garlic powder
1 tablespoon paprika	Sea salt

Blend on high for 30 seconds.

### Diced Fruit Salad

1 kiwi	2 bananas
1 pint strawberries	½ pint blueberries
1 mango	

Slice and mix.

### Southwestern Corn and Black Bean Salad

The beans, corn and nuts in this salad combine to create 19 grams of protein per serving.

1 1/2 cups corn kernels (fresh or frozen)  
1/3 cup pine nuts  
1/4 cup lime juice  
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro  
2 (14.5 ounce) cans black beans, rinsed  
2 cups shredded red cabbage  
1 large tomato, diced  
1/2 cup minced red onion  
Salt to taste just before serving.

Place pine nuts in a small dry skillet over medium-low heat and cook, stirring, until fragrant and lightly browned, 2 to 4 minutes. Whisk lime juice, oil, cilantro, and salt in a large bowl. Add the corn, pine nuts, beans, cabbage, tomato and onion; toss to coat. Refrigerate until ready to serve.  
Yield: 4 serving

