

Covenant Life

- Our next Gathering is **TODAY** at 3pm and will be our only prayer meeting this month. We plan to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet today if you can join us.
- We continue to load content concerning our glorious 50th Anniversary to our [Jubilee web page](#). There is also a form for you to respond to what the Holy Spirit is speaking through you to us.
- If you were unable to attend our last prayer meeting, you can listen to the audio [here](#), read the Word Gift summary [here](#), and the transcript [here](#).
- Your ongoing financial support to the Community is sincerely appreciated. Please donate online [here](#) or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, Tx 75222.

There is a bountiful list of topics for the Holy Spirit to inspire us with today. The Gospel contains an impartation of the Holy Spirit and a sending forth of the disciples...which we each must respond to. The second reading reminds us to rejoice in trials as they are the proving ground of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And the responsorial psalm proclaims the theme today that God's mercy endures forever! All of these are worthy of reflection and meditation but what I would like to share briefly on is the [First Reading](#).

It is interesting to me that in these short verses Luke states and restates "Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area, to the teaching of the apostles, to breaking bread in their homes and to the prayers. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people." The reason this passage has such significance for me is you and Community. Growing up in Community, living in households, meeting in small groups, doing bible studies together, praying together, praising the Lord together...this is our life and always has been.

Simply put, our experience of Community in God's Delight is the closest experience of Acts chapter two I have to go on. I can believe it is real and an accurate response to the first Christian communities because we have lived it, as best we could, as God's Delight. I thank each of you for your part in enabling this to be true and for the witness to the world that it is today!

There is one embedded verse that I would like to call attention to. What did Luke say came upon everyone?

Awe.

As I reflect on my own Yes, I must avoid taking our life for granted. I must avoid just going day to day through a routine. I must avoid assuming everyone else is on a determined path and wake up and realize the awesome Good News that He is Risen!

I heard an exhortation one time to greet each day as a toddler who wakes and is amazed to discover their world. Can we greet each day with awe? Can we joyfully embrace whatever is in store for us today and spend our day looking for opportunities to share our faith, to share our joy, to share the Good News with anyone and everyone the Holy Spirit brings into our path?

It is interesting what Luke describes after pointing out that awe came upon everyone; it is the fact that "*many wonders and signs were done through the apostles*". We are His apostles called to embrace **awe** and boldly proclaim His Good News and, with confidence, engage the Holy Spirit's power in our prayers and blessings of those we meet. This is how God can grow His church. Our job is to be bold and proclaim and allow His power to be demonstrated. Let us say Yes, today, and every day!

Let us pray, "Lord God give me the grace to greet each day with awe at Your great love for me. Give me the confidence to proclaim You to everyone You lead into my path. Work wonders through Your Holy Spirit and my deeds and words to grow Your kingdom. I love You and receive the gift of mercy to begin again, each and every day! Amen."

My foremost prayer today is that you have a blessed Divine Mercy Sunday!

God Bless,
David