

## Covenant Life

- Our next Gathering will **TODAY** at 3pm even though it is the first Sunday in May to allow more time with our mother's next Sunday.
- Click our [Jubilee web page](#) to enjoy the content and respond to the Holy Spirit.
- 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](#).
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As a youth, I remember someone from youth ministry saying a catchy phrase "Jesus is the answer, what is the question?" Over the years the reality of living totally for Jesus has increased the meaning of this phrase. Reflecting on the [Gospel](#) brought back this catchy phrase and provoked even more consideration for a total giving of ourselves to Jesus. Should we not surrender everything to understand His perfect will and follow it?

Jesus' response to Thomas is very clear, *"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."* Let us ponder this for a few minutes.

The God of the universe who loves us individually and unconditionally reveals Himself to us in His son Jesus Christ. He is the way, the truth, the life, AND, as we heard last week, our Good Shepherd.

The world, the flesh, and the devil offer temptations and distractions intending to pull our attention away from this truth. We can get so consumed with the needs of jobs, health, family, leisure...that we lose sight of the fact that we were created for eternal life with our heavenly Father who is revealed in His son Jesus Christ.

What aspect of our life trumps following Him? We were created to love, honor, and obey Him and to conform our lives totally to His divine will. He is truly is The Answer...what is the question?

He has placed this very special call upon us. Peter said it best in the last verse of today's [Second Reading](#) *"You are 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises' of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."* We have been called out of the darkness of our three enemies into His wonderful light! But we must own it. We must claim it. We must live it. We must stand on this promise of being chosen, being holy, being His people and ensure our whole lives follow suit. He is the answer, what is the question? Is there an issue in our lives we have not surrendered and turned over to Him?

Living this way is not easy, yes there are a tremendous number of noisy distractions in our lives, but fortunately we have each other to remind and assist us in this journey. I have been enjoying the fact that many of the readings during Easter are taken from the Acts of the Apostles. Like in today's [First Reading](#) we learn how the early disciples passed on leadership. As a Community we have tried to follow the example of the early disciples in conforming our lives to Jesus, studying His Word, being open to the power of His Spirit, and doing the practical things they did to enable the Gospel to be spread.

I appreciated the witness of so many of Community's leaders who sacrificed SO much to raise up a new generation. The example of so many holy and dedicated men and women who walked-the-talk and put Jesus and Community sisters and brothers ahead of their own needs. This is how the Gospel is spread. This is how we follow Jesus and make our own individual path to the God of the universe.

Let us pray, *"Jesus, I give my whole life to You, to growing in my knowledge of You, to growing in my surrender to Your holy and divine Will, to loving and serving those in my life. You are the answer to every question, every need in my life! I love You and say Yes to You, today and every day!"*

God Bless,

David