Sisters and Brothers, let us praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! 06/04/2023

Covenant Life

- Our next Gathering is a week from today on Sunday June 11th at 3pm.
- Visit our <u>Jubilee web page</u> to enjoy content from our 50th Anniversary.
- If you were unable to attend our last prayer meeting, you can listen to the audio <u>here</u>, read the Word Gift summary <u>here</u>, and the transcript <u>here</u>.
- 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.

When Laurie and I had the privilege of visiting the Holy Land the tour organizer structured the trip to allow us to connect with each person of the Holy Trinity. Our first two days were spent in the desert where we walked and walked for hours in very dry conditions and experienced what it was like to be in that region. At the end of the second day, we were bussed to the Wadi-David area where there was a lush area with waterfalls, birds, and animals in abundance...a stark contrast to the area we had been. It was named this in belief that this is where David hid in the rocks and wrote the psalms.

For me personally, it was an experience of the Father's love. Spending time in the desert was truly a humbling, dark, dry experience of what is it like in the world that gives nothing and provide little comfort. Walking from the desert into the lush waterfalls, brimming with plant and animal life, David's glorious psalms came to life. It was as if I could sing or pray the psalms with a personal experience of the contrast of a loving God providing plentifully if we would journey from our deserts into the abundant life He has for us.

The middle part of the trip revealed the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as we traveled all throughout Israel and visited one Holy Land site after another and read the stories of the New Testament. We were taught many things and saw many places where Jesus revealed His great love for us and worked miracle after miracle to show how much we were called out of our current state and meant for eternity with Him.

The end of the trip included a visit to the location it is believed Emmaus was where Jesus began to explain the scriptures to His disciples and revealed the promise of the Holy Spirit. We visited the location believed to be the Upper Room where the discipled gathered in prayer. Seeing all this firsthand and contemplating how ordinary men and women were completely transformed revealed the reality of the Holy Spirit and His power!

For those of you who were able to attend our Pentecost prayer meeting last week, we too had this experience as the Holy Spirit was manifest in our presence in our MSMCS gym. In the very same way, we could witness how we, as ordinary men and women could not only be blessed through the power of His Spirit but also witness the power of the Holy Spirit being poured out upon those we prayed for.

This is why we were called to be A People in Dallas Texas. God wanted us to experience the great love of each of the persons of the Holy Trinity and give our whole lives so that we could be used for His purpose. This call is as important today as it ever was. Since our Jubilee we have many new people seeking a deeper life in the Spirit and it is incumbent upon us to reveal the great love of the Trinity through the witness of our yes. Let us stand up today and every day and live for Him and reveal Him through everything we think, do, and say!

Let us pray, "God my Father, I love You and acknowledge Your great love for me and Your call for me to be in a relationship with You. Please continue to love me as I grow in my ability to say Yes to You and turn more and more of my life over to You. Lord Jesus Christ, I will never be able to thank You enough for all You did redeeming me. I repent of all that I have done that holds me back from following Your example. I recommit myself to You. Holy Spirit, I cannot respond to the great call without Your power. Come into my life in a new and powerful way today. Give me Your fruits and Your gifts to be able to respond to Your great love by loving every person I meet today and every day and thereby carry out the mission You have called me to. I love You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Amen."

God Bless, David