

Sisters and Brothers, let us call upon the Lord who is near.

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Covenant Life

- Our next Gathering is **TODAY** at 3pm including Children's Ministry (ages 5-10) and a *social afterwards*. Bring a friend and *pass the word to young families!*
- "the GIFT: a **Life in the Spirit Seminar**" begins Oct 8th. Click this [LINK](#) for details and to register by Oct 1st. *Please forward the attached invite or this email to friends, family, young adults, teenagers...that might be open to a deeper experience of the Holy Spirit!*
- Our annual Safe Environment training will be before and after the October Gatherings.
- [GodsDelight.org](#) content: [Jubilee](#); Prayer Meeting [audio](#), [summaries](#), [transcripts](#), & [teachings](#).
- 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.

Reflection

In praying through the readings today, I was struck by the passion of David and Paul. As I read each line of the [Responsorial Psalm](#) David's love and passion and commitment to God jumps off the page. He is so clearly in love with the Lord and confident in God's love and mercy that he cannot help but sing His praises and proclaim His majesty, goodness, greatness...

Similarly, reading Paul's letter to the Philippians in the [Second Reading](#), Paul's confidence in eternal life motivates him to declare that he is content with life or death. What an amazing way to live. So sold out for the Lord, so convinced that Jesus is alive and waiting for him, that there is zero concern for daily life.

Reading the psalms and books in the Old Testament we learn of the trials and total abandonment of King David to God. We learn how God was ever present to David and how David learned that God was real and able to be trusted. Similarly, Paul has his encounter with Jesus and from that moment on surrenders everything. As we read in Acts, he spends the rest of his life telling everyone who will listen of the amazing story of God's love, the salvation won for us in Jesus, and the promise of the Holy Spirit. These two men were totally sold out for God and held nothing back. Why? Because of an encounter with the living God and the courage to forsake everything to follow Him!

As we know from the announcements above, we will be starting a Life in the Spirit seminar in two weeks. Ponder for a moment why you continue to preserve in your walk with the Lord. How did you get your start and why have you persisted in your yes for all these years. I offer that for most of us it was because of a personal experience with God. Through the service of others each of us were witnessed to, invited to learn, prayed with, and then experienced the great, awesome love of God that we read today both David and Paul experienced.

Maybe what the Holy Spirit is prompting us to consider is how we are responding today. Are we as sold out for God as David and Paul were? How might we live our lives today to be an even greater witness?

It has been some time since we had as many new people attending our Gatherings and expressing interest in learning more about God, His Word, His Holy Spirit, and seeking the fellowship of other like-minded Christians. Let us each ask the Holy Spirit how we can passionately witness our great love for God to our friends, family, people we meet at the prayer meeting...and encourage them to say yes to the invitation to attend this upcoming [Life in the Spirit Seminar](#). We also need volunteers to help serve. If you are willing to serve, please contact Bob Montgomery or me.

Let us pray, "Lord God, thank You for the great witnesses of David and Paul who were so passionately in love with You. Help me to turn from the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil and live totally for You. Help me to use every moment of every day to spread Your love for all of mankind. Give me the total surrender that Paul had where He only wanted You to be magnified. May our bodies, our decisions, our priorities, our everything be so indifferent in life or death that everything we do and say is about building Your Kingdom on earth. I declare today that it is You whom I will love and serve from this day forward!"

God Bless,
David