

## Covenant Life

- Our next Gathering is next Sunday, October 22 at 3pm. Safe Environment Training will be held at 2:30pm and after the Gathering in the school library.
- We have started a **Life in the Spirit Seminar** utilizing "the GIFT" and it is not too late for friends and relatives to register ([LINK](#)). Help spread the word!
- SAVE THE DATE - We will hold our annual **All Saints Party** on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8:30 in the MSM gym. All ages are welcome to join as we celebrate our saints with a fun filled evening as a direct alternative to our culture's Halloween celebration of death. We need volunteers. More details attached.
- [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

When we give our lives to God and surrender control, something amazing happens within us. When we invite Jesus to be our personal Lord and Savior, we are transformed in a way that is hard to explain. Suddenly, nothing is as it was. Our whole perspective on life is turned upside down. The things we wanted to accomplish or accumulate no longer have meaning. Simply put, we see God as our all-in-all.

This certainly comes across in David's psalm 23 that is our [Responsorial Psalm](#) today. Every line expresses total giving, total surrender, total confidence in a loving God. We can read and pray this psalm over and over and unite our prayer with David's. This is what it means to give our lives to God and surrender control. This is what it means to receive His forgiveness and accept Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior. We no longer worry about the world, the flesh, or the evil one. We recognize our Lord as our shepherd, leading us, guiding us, protecting us, and no longer having anything to fear.

Paul, another shining example of someone who lived a life totally surrendered to God, shares a similar sentiment in his letter to the Philippians in the [Second Reading](#). Paul assures the Philippians that *"God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."* The courage to proclaim this

comes from his experience having given his whole life to proclaim Jesus and seeing how God answers his prayers, meets his need, and transforms the lives of those who open themselves up to his message and accept Jesus.

The encouragement I offer you today is simply to never take for granted the power of surrender, the power of placing God in total control, the power of living every moment of every day with Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. If we have any fear, any doubt, any concerns about saying Yes again today, I encourage prayerful rereading of Psalm 23. Allow David's words to soak in and then embrace whatever the world, the flesh, or the evil one sends our way with the total confidence in Jesus as our shepherd who loves us more than we can imagine and stands ready to provide for all our needs.

*Let us pray, "Jesus I give my life over to You again today. I let go of any area of my life that I have not surrendered or any area I have taken back. I declare You the Lord of my life and my personal Lord and Savior. I commit to following You as a sheep follows a shepherd always listening for Your voice and following You wherever You lead. Provide for me, my family, and all those You want me to witness to so that I can bring as many with me as possible when I complete my short journey on this earth. I love You Lord!"*

God Bless,  
David

p.s. PLEASE join me today in praying for those attending our [Life in the Spirit Seminar](#). To enable us to complete the seminar in a reasonable time we are meeting every Sunday. If possible, remember us today at 3pm and ask the Holy Spirit to work through all those who are witnessing and serving and for open hearts for all attending.