

Covenant Life

- Our next prayer meeting is **TODAY** at 3pm. We will spend our time in Eucharistic Adoration praying in the New Year.
- The coordinators have requested that everyone pray for a **prophetic word** regarding 2024. Please write what you receive and bring it to Mike Wagner today so that the Coordinators can discern all the words together.
- Community members who have not turned in their 2024 Promise are requested to do so here: [2024 Promise](#).
- [GodsDelight.org](#) content: [Jubilee](#); Prayer Meeting [audio](#), [summaries](#), [transcripts](#), & [teachings](#).
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Reflection

In the readings today we hear stories about heroes who have gone before us providing examples of how to respond to God's call. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are always reaching out to us, showing their love, and inviting our response. The challenge we face is tuning out the noise in our lives long enough to hear and respond.

The bible is full of amazing stories of amazing people who have heard God and responded in real decisive ways and changed the course of history. We see this in the [Gospel](#) where Andrew heard the words "*Come, and you will see.*" Andrew's response was not only to follow Jesus and spend the day with Him, but also to go find his brother Simon and proclaim "*we have found the Messiah.*" This of course models what God is asking of us when He reveals Himself to us.

In the [First Reading](#) we hear the story of another hero, Samuel, who hears the Lord and responds "*Speak, for your servant is listening*". What spoke the most to me was not Samuel's verbal response but the next line "*Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.*" We learn from this that Samuel responded with his whole being. O that my life and your life would be characterized by these words...

Finally, another hero, David, in the [Responsorial Psalm](#) proclaims "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." I imagine David singing this song over and over and we get a glimpse into his heart with the words "to do your will, O my God, is my delight." David is a hero we can model ourselves after.

It is a blessing to ponder the heroes of today's readings and how they each, in their time and place, heard the Lord, followed Him, and made doing His will a delight. It is also a blessing to ponder the more modern-day heroes of our Community. This has always been a particular blessing to me. I need sisters and brothers to journey with. I value examples of fellow Christians listening for the Lord's call, helping to hear His word, encouraging one another to follow His lead, and having the courage to tell others about Him! We have many such heroes in our cloud of witnesses. You too are a blessing to me and our fellow sisters and brothers. Let us continue to listen and journey together!

Let us pray "Speak Lord, I your servant am listening. I want to follow You today and every day. Show me where You are working today and how I can cooperate with what You are about. Thank You for the sisters and brothers You have called me to journey with. Allow me to love them and love all those who do not know You in a personal way. I want to be Your love and Your light to them bringing healing, restoration, and revival. Come Lord Jesus! Amen."

God Bless,
David