

Sisters and Brothers, let us respond to our Lord's call.

01/21/2024

## Covenant Life

- Our next prayer meeting is next Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.
- The Coordinators are hosting a meeting to allow new folks to hear more about the Community, ask questions and provide feedback on the recent Life in a Spirit seminar. The meeting will be after the prayer meeting next Sunday.
- If you were not able to attend last Sunday due to the weather and have a **prophetic word** regarding 2024. Please write what you receive and bring it next Sunday so that the Coordinators can discern all the words together at our Day-of-Prayer later this month.
- 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](#).
- 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

The [Gospel](#) reading today is short and to the point. Jesus proclaims the most basic Gospel message (repeating the words of John the Baptist), "*This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.*" This is truly a timeless message since no one knows the day nor the hour that they will be called home. What is particularly interesting to me is what Jesus did next...He started building a community. He called four disciples in the passage discerned for us today.

As a community we understand the power of community. We have, for five decades, lived the blessings, joy, challenges, opportunities...of saying a public Yes to Our Lord and one another. It is exciting to see new folks attending our prayer meetings, teaching series, and inquiring about Community. We have been praying for a continuation of the charism of Covenant Community in Dallas and pray that the Holy Spirit continues to build upon the recent momentum. To that end, I exhort all current members to reach out to those who are new and build relationships. We know that the foundation stone of Community is our

relationships, and we need to interlink our lives so that we welcome new people into our fellowship circles.

The disciples in the Gospel model for us the perfect response to Jesus' call. Jesus says the words "Come follow Me" and the Gospel records that these four fishermen abandoned their nets, family, livelihood, employees...and followed Him! Wow, what a radical immediate response to Jesus' call. I offer the suggestion that today we meditate on these words. Jesus is uttering the same words to us today (and every day). How will we respond? Let us pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to us how we can respond today in a new way. Is there anything we need to do to remove a hindrance to our ability to respond? Is there anyone else in Community that we could help or could help us? Let us take these words to heart today and see if there is a way that we can follow the disciples' example and radically say Yes!

*Let us pray "Jesus, I hear Your call to follow You. Right now, I say Yes. I abandon whatever is distracting me from following You. Please remove any obstacle that might impede my yes. Please send Your Holy Spirit with the gifts that I need to respond to Your call. I declare here and now that I want to follow You wherever You lead me. Show me the way to fulfill whatever You ask of me. I love You! Amen."*

God Bless,  
David