<u>Covenant Life</u>

- Our next prayer meeting is **TODAY** at 3pm and will include Children's ministry.
- After our prayer meeting today, we will start **Formation I teachings**. These teachings grow our Christian maturity and deepen our understanding of living in community. Existing Community members are also welcome to attend.
- Save the date:
 - March 2nd Day of Renewal with Fr. Michal from 9am to 2pm in the MSM gym.
 - March 24th A special Anniversary prayer meeting 3pm in the MSM gym.
- <u>GodsDelight.org</u> content: <u>Jubilee</u>; Prayer Meeting <u>audio</u>, <u>summaries</u>, <u>transcripts</u>, & <u>teachings</u>.
- Your ongoing financial support to the Community is sincerely appreciated. Please donate online <u>here</u> or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, TX 75222.

Reflection

While reflecting on the readings today, the following verse from the <u>Second</u> <u>Reading</u> brought back a few old memories: "*do everything for the glory of God.*" My first response to hearing this verse was the question, "Is this possible?"

I then recalled that I was similarly perplexed when, as a youth, I heard the line "Jesus is the answer, what is the question?" I also recall a small group discussion about having a regular prayer time tied into the Luke 21:36 passage "pray always". Thirdly, I recall the exhortation from our founder Bobbie Cavnar that whenever our minds were not needed for our profession we were encouraged to pray.

These points come together asking a similar question...to what extent do we live our whole lives around our Yes to God? Is it possible to do everything for the glory of God? Is it possible to pray always? Is it possible to find answers to all our life issues in our Lord and savior Jesus Christ?

I think the emphatic YES from Paul is a super important take away. God truly is our all-in-all and the more we surrender, the more we open ourselves up to His power to transform. Maybe the most transformative experience of our Community is that we have proof positive witnesses of this. Many who have gone before us and many we now live with are examples for us of those, like Paul, who have given their whole lives to the Lord and show that we can embrace His love, His power, His healing transforming Spirit. Jesus is the answer to every question and challenge we face. We can turn to him every minute of every day for guidance, wisdom, consolation... What a privilege it is and continues to be to live in such a place.

A caution however is that we cannot treat what God has built in our Community as a bubble to isolate ourselves in. Jesus worked miracles to create an openness to the Gospel. God formed CCGD to make us a light, a witness, and s force for His purpose. We are called out. To share what we have experienced and spread the Good News!

Ponder the bold statement that Paul ends this passage with "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." Are we prepared to say that? Are we prepared to communicate this to our family, friends, and those we witness to?

As we begin our journey of lent, our journey to relive the passion of our Lord, let us contemplate where we are in our spiritual journey and ask our Lord what areas of our lives we have not totally surrendered to Him. Could we pray more often? Could more of our day be dedicated to the glory of God? Could Jesus be more of an answer to our daily challenges? Are we missing opportunities to imitate Him or share Jesus with those He leads into our lives?

Let's today reflect on His words, recommit to our journey, and invite His Holy Spirit to empower our ability to live today more fully for Him than we did yesterday.

Let us pray "Jesus, I truly want to live totally and completely for You. I want to give my whole life to You. Take control and lead and guide me! Prompt me to pray more often. Prompt me to see You as the answer to every challenge I face. Send me Your Holy Spirit, not only to address my shortcomings but also to empower my witness of the great transformation You have been in my life. I want to proclaim You and witness You to others. I love You Lord! Amen."

God Bless,

David