

Covenant Life

- Our next prayer meeting is **TODAY** at 3pm. We will have children's ministry but not Formation I teachings due to leaders traveling back from the [NAN](#) conference.
- This Saturday, March 2nd, we will have a Day of Renewal with Fr. Michal from 9am to 2pm in the MSM gym. The theme will be prayer, there is no cost, and lunch will be provided. Come join us.
- [GodsDelight.org](#) content: [Jubilee](#); Prayer Meeting [audio](#), [summaries](#), [transcripts](#), & [teachings](#).
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Reflection

Before I share today, I want to express my sincere appreciation for those who prayed for our [NAN](#) conference this weekend. It was a holy, blessed event of significant magnitude. The Holy Spirit was truly in control, touched us all, and spoke a very powerful word. No doubt all those who attended will want to share when we return.

In reading and discerning the readings today, asking the Holy Spirit for a particular word for our Community, I was drawn to meditate on the [First Reading](#). I encourage us all to spend time in meditation asking the Holy Spirit to reveal a particular word, not only to us individually, but also as a people. Please pass on words for the Community to me or another coordinator.

As I was praying through the passage, I was prompted to reflect on the obedience of Abraham to respond to God's direction even if it appeared to be completely counter to his understanding of what he understood God had previously promised him. We can ponder how completely confused we too would be if God spoke a word to seemingly immediately undo a recently fulfilled promise.

This dilemma reminded me of a testimony from this weekend when a pastor was asked by the Lord to leave the church he had built. See, for him, God had another plan and intended to do an even greater work in him. But, to accomplish this, he had to first let go of the work God had thus far accomplished. Abraham was presented with the same dilemma.

Are we so attached to the blessings God has bestowed that we claim them as our own? Are we attached to the gifts and have forgotten the Giver? Are we limiting what God can accomplish in us because we have stopped surrendering and being unconditionally obedient?

We can also place ourselves in the story as Isaac and reflect on how we would respond to the prospect of death. It is one thing to sing a song of total surrender and even pray a prayer of total surrender, but to willfully submit to it...? We can imagine that Isaac was likely old enough to resist an elderly father, but the story does not capture any struggle.

This same pastor's testimony also included details of being confronted with the reality of death and these threats followed directly from doing God's will. We can reflect on how far we are will go... True surrender, true confidence in our eternal reward empowers us to live without fear of death. How much more can God accomplish in His people if we truly live with nothing to fear...not even death?

The passage ends with very strong promises from God of the glory that awaits His people. The [Second Reading](#) adds meaningful reminders that "If God is for us, who can be against us?" I believe this to be the message for us today. God has SO much more for us that we can imagine, but He requires our surrender, He requires us to respond immediately in obedience. Let us reflect on Abraham and Isaac and step out in faith asking our Lord to reveal that next step that He wants us to take today...individually and as a Community.

Let us pray "Lord, I truly want to build Your Kingdom. I want to cooperate fully in spreading Your Gospel and bringing Your love to those who do not know You. I surrender everything. I give my whole life to You and have nothing to fear as I walk in Your light. Give me the courage to let go of even the blessings that You have previously bestowed that I may be attached to. I want nothing to hold me back from all that You want to accomplish through me. Use me for Your purpose. I love You Lord and want to live every moment of everyday walking in Your perfect will! Amen."

God Bless,
David