<u>Covenant Life</u>

- Our next prayer meeting is a week from today on March 10th at 3pm.
- <u>GodsDelight.org</u> content: <u>Jubilee</u>; Prayer Meeting <u>audio</u>, <u>summaries</u>, <u>transcripts</u>, & <u>teachings</u>.
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Reflection

What an amazing two weeks. The week before last dad and I had the privilege of attending the Charismatic Leaders Fellowship (CLF) conference in August Georgia hosted by the Alleluia Community. It was a blessed time and soon I will process my notes and share highlights.

Immediately following the CLF conference, eleven of us from CCGD participated in the North American Network (<u>NAN</u>) conference that was incredible. Attendees who have attended in the past shared that this was the best one ever. In time we will process materials from the conference that we can share.

Yesterday we were blessed to have Fr. Michal lead us through a day of prayer. It was inspirational and it appeared that everyone who attended was able to bring away practical things that we can incorporate to deepen our relationship with our Lord. In time we will make the videos available on our website. This is such a grand time in the life of our Community where God is speaking so clearly to us and drawing us into a deep and abiding relationship.

In praying through the readings today, I was draw to one line in the <u>First Reading</u> "You shall not have other gods besides me". Can lent be a joy? Can we rejoice in giving things up? These are interesting questions to consider.

Lent is a time to take a step back from routine and consider attachments. What are the things in our lives where we may be too attached? What are the things in our lives that might be getting in the way of us hearing our Lord and doing His perfect will?

Starting the journey to process all the teachings, testimonies, and exhortations of the past two weeks reminds me of how dearly God loves each one of us and is attempting to engage us in spreading His Gospel message. Regardless of how long

we have been on this journey we can become complacent. We can become comfortable. I recall Bobbie repeatedly warning us of "foreign wives" and "paneled houses". Israel's refusal to follow God's law and embrace what was forbidden is an ongoing lesson for us.

This is the power of lent. This can turn lent into a joy. If we pause each day and consider the question...is there a false god in my life that is holding me back? We are still early enough in lent that we can take time to further reflect on these questions and make a resolution.

Sisters and Brothers, God is not finished with us yet...individually or as a Community. He is about a great work in North Texas and needs us fully committed to listening and responding to what He is about. The only way that we can be effective in this is to turn from anything that might be a false god. Let us seize the opportunity of this Lenten season to take decisive effort to accomplish this.

Let us pray "Lord God, You are my personal Lord and savior and my one and only true God! I want to be active in building Your kingdom and know that to be effective for You that I need to keep my eyes focused on You and turn from anything evil, any distraction, any false god that might be hindering my service. I repent of anything in my life that is not of You and choose today to serve You with my whole heart, mind, and strength! I love You Lord and rededicate my life to You. I love You Lord! Amen."

God Bless,

David