

Covenant Life

- Our next prayer meeting is **TODAY** at 3pm. This meeting will include Children's ministry but will not include a Formation I teaching. Since today is our 51st anniversary we will have a **social following the meeting** to allow an extended time of fellowship. You are welcome to bring snacks or a dish to share.
- Registration for **Camp Jesus** is open. This year's camp will be held at MSM from June 10 to 14. More information can be found [here](#).
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Reflection

It seems impossible to not be moved by the hearing of the passion of our Lord. Movies such as Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* bring the experience to a whole new level. Hearing and seeing Jesus' tremendous love literally poured out for each of us elicits such an emotional response that it is hard to take in. What prompts such love? What sustains such love? It is ok to struggle with these questions since God would have us take away from these questions the unfathomable love that He has for you and me!

As we enter into the holiest week of the year, my exhortation to us as a Community is to do whatever we can to really enter into it. Do whatever we can to look beyond our daily routines and focus on Jesus and His great love for us. Doing this, invites our Lord to shape and change us. Pledge to leave the experience of Holy week with a new conviction to follow His example to the best of our abilities. Look for simple and practical ways that we can respond and take at least one step toward following His example in a real way.

I think this was the same encouragement that Paul was making to the Philippians in today's [Second Letter](#). Paul reminds us that Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" and "humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death". This is the example that Jesus set, this is what Paul is exhorting the Philippians to

follow, and this is something that you and I can meditate on today and the rest of this week.

"Lord Jesus, hearing the story of Your passion moves me. Reflecting on Your witness of emptying Yourself and taking the form of a slave produces inner confusion. Your example is so counter to the world and my inner temptations. I want to follow Your example but most days it is so hard.

I want to be humble; I want to be obedient to You and all that the Father has revealed and taught, but my flesh is weak.

First and foremost, I accept the promise of the fullness of life that comes to those who say Yes to You. I claim my Easter resurrection by firmly declaring my intent to live each day following Your example of humility and obedience. When I fail, I pledge to try again...day after day, year after year, until You call me home!

Jesus, I ask for a special outpouring of Your Holy Spirit today to empower my ability to live in this world but not be of it. Give me the grace and fruits and gifts of Your Holy Spirit to not only rise above all that the world will throw at me but to be an overcomer and love as You love, surrender as You surrendered, witness and serve as You witnessed and served. Today I declare my love for You and recommit to following Your example, today and every day! Amen."

God Bless,

David