

## Covenant Life

- Our next prayer meeting will be a week from today on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of April, the 14<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm. We will have Children's ministry and a Formation I teaching.
- Registration for **Camp Jesus** is still open. This year's camp will be held at MSM from June 10 to 14. More information can be found [here](#).
- [GodsDelight.org](http://GodsDelight.org) has prayer meeting [audio](#), [summaries](#), [transcripts](#), [teachings](#), and [Jubilee](#).
- 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

Saint Faustina Kowalska pray for us!

I recently read that it is unproven whether Indian independence leader Gandhi said the famous quote attributed to him stating "I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ."

Part of the message that I shared at the Covenant meeting yesterday was an exhortation to recommit to fully living our covenant. As I was praying about how to express this point, I thought back to what attracted me to Community and the public prayer meetings that I experienced. I recalled that it was the love I witnessed that everyone expressed, not just toward me, but to everyone present. In that hot gym were hundreds of people singing and dancing and praising the Lord, doing things I had never witnessed before. But what left a lasting impression that I could not escape was the Love and Joy that I witnessed.

"See how they love one another." This was my experience of Community. There was no denying it and there was no other place like it.

I suspect this was Luke's observation of the early Christian Community when he (as the likely author of Acts of the Apostles) wrote the [First Reading](#) text "*The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all.*"

While our early Community experience did not actually entail living in common, what I observed is that everyone acted like we did. We gathered at each other's homes to paint, move, cook, share meals, pray, and study God's Word. Whatever need anyone had was met with multiple offers to help.

This is just what we did. This love was visible and infectious.

Fast forward five decades and things seem different today. We are physically more spread out. We appear more well off financially. And on average, we are more advanced in age.

What I am hoping to point out with this walk down memory lane is that, despite the challenges we face in living as the early disciples, we must never lose sight of our witness. What I expressed at the covenant meeting was that we were a people of **love and unity**. This was our witness, to each other and to those God led to us. We must never tire of living this love, and never letting anything forsake our unity.

The urgency of this message is that God has blessed us with many new people who are attending our prayer meetings and going through our formation programs. We cannot let our witness to them be confined to 90 minutes every other Sunday. We must find ways to breach the physical divides that separated us across the vast DFW metroplex to witness Love and witness Unity.

We were born and called for a time such as this. To be His witnesses. Let us recommit to fully living our covenant today (for more details on exactly what this mean please click [here](#).) Let us be Christians who live like Jesus lived so that we can be the witnesses that He called us to be!

*Heavenly Father, You called me into a covenant with You and my sisters and brothers of Your Delight. Invigorate my Yes to You. Provide me the opportunities to witness my love for You and them. Allow my Yes to be a visible sign of You loving through me! Use me to build Your Kingdom, one person at a time! I love You Lord! Amen."*

God Bless,

David