

Sisters and Brothers, let us give thanks to our Lord!

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## Covenant Life

- Our next prayer meeting is **TODAY** at 3pm. We plan to have Children's ministry and our last Formation I teaching.
- August 11<sup>th</sup>, amidst our subsequent prayer meeting, we will hear highlights from Camp Jesus and there will be a meeting for parents interested in restarting Youth and Jr. High ministries. Please help spread the word!
- [GodsDelight.org](http://GodsDelight.org) has prayer meeting [audio](#), [summaries](#), [transcripts](#), and [teachings](#).
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## Reflection

Those who discern the readings today did a great job grouping similar themed passages. The [First Reading](#), [Gospel](#), and even the [Responsorial Psalm](#) all speak of God's generous provision. The proclamation that God "*answers all our needs*" and the fact that both stories highlight the fact that everyone had their fill and there were abundant leftovers.

In reflecting on this, the Spirit led me to ponder these stories as a sign of God's infinite love. Regardless of the domain, God reveals how much He loves us, cares for us, and provides for us! Whether we ponder the mysteries of the universe, the majesty of His earthly creation, the awesomeness of our human bodies... whatever domain we contemplate, God is saying "I love you, I care about you, I am providing for you!" These stories illustrate that God not only provides for us but provides in abundance.

Today would be a good day to take a few extra minutes in prayer and just be thankful. We have so much to be grateful for. Allowing our hearts and minds to ponder God's generous love can and will change us. Let's reflect on all the abundant blessings and ask Him specifically what He wants us to do with our 'leftovers'. To whom can we share our time, talents, and treasures with to further His Kingdom?

I would like to conclude this short letter by asking us to prayerfully read the [Second Letter](#) together:

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were

also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

I asked us to read this together because I am so excited by the way the Christian Community of God's Delight lives in a manner consistent with how Paul exhorted the Ephesian community. In you I see humility, gentleness, and patience lived out. I see us bearing with one another through love and striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. This is a tremendous testament to the foundation of formation that we have received and the fortitude by which so many continue to walk-the-walk. Let us continue to run the race so that those who come after us will treasure the gift of Covenant Community and the charism of Covenant Community will not only continue in DFW but thrive!

Let us pray, "God, You are a good and generous God. Every breath, every heartbeat is a generous gift. Help us to always be grateful for Your abundant love and provisions. Lord God, today we pray for the courage and fortitude to use our gifts wisely, to build Your Kingdom one person at a time, one selfless service at a time, one smile, one hug, one encouraging word at a time. Continue to pour forth Your Holy Spirit upon us so that we can live every moment of every day for You! I love You Lord. Amen"

God Bless,  
David