

Covenant Life

- Our next prayer meeting is **TODAY** at 3pm. We will not have Children's ministry nor a Formation teaching but will hear about Camp Jesus 2024 during the middle of our meeting.
- **Youth Ministry RESTART!** - We are excited to announce plans to restart our High School and Jr. High Ministries. There will be a meeting for interested parents **TODAY** at about 4pm following the Camp presentation. Details regarding the first event, a retreat, are attached.
- GodsDelight.org has prayer meeting [audio](#), [summaries](#), [transcripts](#), and [teachings](#).
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Reflection

In reflecting on the [First Reading](#) today, it was clear that Elijah was in a dark place. Despite having just witnessed an incredible miracle where God manifested His presence, he walked a day's journey into the wilderness without provisions with the intention of not pressing on with God's plans for him. The rest of the story reveals God's intention to call Elijah to continue to serve Him.

This reminded me of the phrase I have heard many times over the years "God is not finished with me yet." Examples of this can be found in [Isaiah](#) and Paul's letter to the [Philippians](#). It can be a natural human response to trials and tribulations to want to give up...even for those strong in their faith for a lifetime. Elijah is a case in point having just witnessed the miracle of God devouring the water-drenched altar with fire. He was still discouraged enough by his circumstances that he wanted to end things.

So, what might the Holy Spirit be speaking to you and me through this passage? Clearly, we are all at different places in our personal journey to understand what God is asking of us and how we can serve Him in whatever time He has for us on this earth. We all have our ups and downs; we have good days and bad days. Life is hard and growing old has inherit challenges that cannot be avoided...but what does God want us to take from this reading today?

As I was pondering this question, I read the [Responsorial Psalm](#) and it seemed to provide the perfect answer:

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be always in my mouth. My soul will glory in the LORD; let the poor hear and be glad. Magnify the LORD with me; and let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me, delivered me from all my fears. Look to him and be radiant, and your faces may not blush for shame. This poor one cried out and the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he saves them. Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the stalwart one who takes refuge in him.

What a beautiful and precise answer. I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall be always in my mouth. I will glory in the LORD and magnify the LORD and exalt His name! I will look to Him and take refuge in Him!

What more needs to be said?

Let us pray, "Good and gracious God, You have called me by name and I am Yours! I have experienced You throughout my life and You know that I love You. I come before You today and You know the troubles and struggles on my heart. I give them to You and trust that You are not finished with me yet and that these present trials are but a forging of Your love for me. Give me the courage to meet these trials head on, to see them as You see them, and to persevere through them so that I may continue the path You have set for me. Use me to accomplish the perfect will that You have set out for me. I will bless You at all times. Your praise will always be in my mouth. I will glory in You and magnify You every day. I will exalt Your name, look to You daily and always take refuge in You. I love You! Amen"

God Bless,

David