

Covenant Life

- Our next **prayer meeting** is **TODAY** at 3pm. We plan to have Children and Youth ministries.
- TODAY is the last public opportunity for our annual **Safe Environment Training**, required by all adults serving in any CCGD ministry. Training will be offered 30 minutes before and immediately after the prayer meeting today.
- Continuing our tradition of honoring past and present family veterans on the Sunday closest to **Veterans Day** (Sunday November 10th this year), we invite everyone to send a photo and service details to Sue Wagner at s.wagner@msmcatholic.org.
- The Annual CCGD **All Saints Party** will be Thursday, October 31st from 6:30-8:30pm in the MSMCS gym.
- GodsDelight.org has prayer meeting [audio](#), [summaries](#), [transcripts](#), and [teachings](#).
- 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

Detachment and Surrender. These two words capture so much of the Christian life. The [Gospel](#) today makes this need-to-turn-away so clear. Our earthly lives are but a moment in time, an opportunity to receive and acknowledge God's bountiful love. But how many of us become distracted by all the world offers?

The story being told, and the decisions faced by the young man are our story and akin to the decisions we face every day. The allure of the world is a powerful force to contend with. The world, the flesh, and the devil make things even more difficult. But our choice is clear. Jesus asks us the same question. Will we detach from everything to follow Him?

We know from the [Second Reading](#) that God's Word "is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart" that is to say that it is eternally useful for us to study and apply to our lives. So, Jesus is asking us today, in His Word, to consider our lives and whether we are 'attached' to anything that would hold us back from following Him.

Our self-examination today might reveal things in our lives that we need to detach from. It is important to realize that we might be attached to things, people, ideals...that are 'good in and of themselves'. But if we are not totally surrendered to God then these things can get in the way of hearing His Holy Spirit and accomplishing His perfect will.

Jesus is asking each of us to ponder this question. He offers us eternal life on high with Him, but it requires our surrender...and surrender requires detachment. Let us pray today and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything in our lives that might cause us to hold back or even hesitate from our inheritance.

Let us pray, "Jesus, thank You for becoming man and walking the path before us. Thank You for Your teaching and example. I ask that Your Holy Spirit reveal to me, today, any area of my life where I might be attached to something or someone or some ideal that would limit my ability to totally live for You. I surrender my entire life to You! I proclaim again that You are the Lord of my life and that I want to live for You, today and every day of my life. Grant me the grace to detach from whatever might hold me back and to live in total communion with Your perfect will. I love You Lord! Amen"

God Bless,
David