

## Covenant Life

- Our next **prayer meeting** is **TODAY** at 3pm. We plan to have Children and Youth ministries. We will also continue our tradition of honoring past and present family veterans in honor of tomorrow's Veterans Day.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** After the prayer meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have a **CCGD Christmas dinner** sponsored by the CCGD Youth Ministry. Please make plans to stay after the meeting and enjoy the food and fellowship.
- We have started our **2025 Stewardship Promise & Recommitment Drive**. It is important that we hear from all members (also welcoming those not yet a member) by clicking here: [2025 Promise](#) or using the attached form.
- [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

We have all heard many sermons on the poor widow's contribution in the [Gospel](#) today. It is truly a challenging story to contemplate. Presented to us is the poor widow who has the trust and confidence in God to give all the money she had as an act of faith. This kind of radical faith is noted in many lives of the saints that God has raised up over the years to be an example. Most preachers covering this passage focus on the monetary aspects of the passage challenging us regarding our financial giving.

In praying through this passage and knowing that God can speak to us through any reading of His Word, I thought about how this passage could be applied to all areas of our lives, not just our discernment about tithing.

What impressed me the most about this story is the widow's total surrender to God. She witnessed total trust and confidence in God that He would take care of her. Of course, we do not hear details from Jesus as to how her story continues but we do hear about how things work out for a widow in a similar situation in the [First Reading](#). Her confidence in God and the words of Elijah are bountifully rewarded.

Besides hearing such stories, what builds such overwhelming faith in God? Our history as a covenant community suggests it happens through our ongoing day-to-

day surrender to God. It happens through seeing Him and His love and promises through the eyes of Faith, Hope, and Joy. This is clearly the case with the psalmist today in the [Responsorial Psalm](#): *"The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free. The LORD gives sight to the blind. The LORD raises up those who were bowed down; the LORD loves the just. The LORD protects strangers. The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia."*

So, what might God be asking of us today through this reading? Might He again be asking us to what extent we have surrendered our whole lives to Him? Our covenant declaration is that we would "give our whole lives to God and live as covenant members of The Christian Community of God's Delight." I exhort us to reread the [Gospel](#) today and place ourselves in the position of the poor widow and ask God what is He asking of us today? Is there some area of our lives where we are holding on to this world too tight? Is there some area of pride, power, possession that He wants us to surrender to Him?

God's love for us is total and unconditional. Jesus proved this on the cross. God has proven through the generations that He will take care of all our needs until He calls us home. We have nothing to fear and everything to gain by taking the two coins of our lives and surrendering them to Him. Let us pray today and ask Him what He is asking us to let go of so that He can use us for His purposes.

Let us pray, *"Lord God, I know You love me and have provided for me my whole life. I believe, help my unbelief. Lord God, today I give You my all, not just part of my life but all of it. Morning to night, time, talents, treasures...everything. I want to be used by You to accomplish what You are about. I want to join with my covenant sisters and brothers to accomplish what You are about. Use my yes to You today and every day. You are the Lord of my life, and I love You without condition!"*

God Bless,  
David