

Sisters and Brothers, let us follow our Lord's example.

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## Covenant Life

- Our next prayer meeting is **TODAY**, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Children and Youth ministries plan to meet.
- Registration for CAMP JESUS (June 9-13) is OPEN. Register [here](#) or contact [camp-jesus@godsdelight.org](mailto:camp-jesus@godsdelight.org).
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## Reflection

Most of us have probably heard the phrase "*the best defense is a good offense*". It has been used throughout history in military and sports contexts. This came to mind as I reflected on the [Gospel](#) today. Jesus, being fully human, was subject to temptations just as we are. He serves as a role model for us in All ways. What do we learn from Jesus' handling of His temptations...be ready, be proactive, and be unafraid of proclaiming the truth.

One of the things I loved about growing up in our Community was the way that we taught one another to be prepared. The leaders of CCGD knew well that to combat temptation we must be proactive, we must be aggressive, we must invest in being learned disciples of the truth. We also must not fear evil...we must confront evil. We must stand on His promises and engage in Spiritual Warfare, as necessary.

I will never forget the prayer meeting testimony of the dear sister who shared that she proclaimed to a would-be assailant robber "You cannot hurt me, I am covered with feathers!" This was an obvious reference to Psalm 91:4 (coincidentally the psalm the [Responsorial Psalm](#) today is taken from). The assailant immediately fled. No one knows what would have happened if she was not educated on the promises and did not have the courage to proclaim the truth. For our part we can proactively learn the truth and exercise courage in standing on His promises. This is our legacy!

Sisters and Brothers, satan is a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Unless we have sold out or are living under a rock, we are going to be under attack. If in fact, if we are not under continuous attack, we should consider why satan is not attacking us and reprioritize our lives. Temptation is a fact of life...period. We

must be proactive in understanding where we are weak and investing extra time and resources in those areas.

Last year I read a book entitled [The Art of Living](#) that was simply an exhortation to living virtues. What was interesting to me was realizing that, without directly mentioning it as growing in virtues, this is exactly what we did in forming one another to live the Christian Life. CCGD formation was formation in living a virtuous life. The best defense against the attacks of the world, the flesh, and satan is living a virtuous life. Jesus is our example and the medicine for whatever ails us. Following His example is the solution to all our problems. Practicing the offsetting virtue is the sure-fire way to tackle any temptation.

Jesus was confronted with gluttony, vainglory, and greed. Maybe we struggle with one of these or something similar. Whatever it is, Jesus witnesses the path to success...stand on God's promises...be educated on His Word...be bold in proclaiming the truth...and do not fear what cannot hurt you. Satan has no power that we do not surrender to him.

What life challenge am I facing? What is the opposing virtue? What can I do to practice the virtue and claim victory? This is the objective of Lent. Commit to taking one step further in our walk with our Lord to be who He is calling us to be.

I want to end with honoring a modern-day saint. I had the privilege of attending a talk given by [Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa](#). He gave his personal testimony. In the middle of his sharing he led everyone to the passage from [Romans 10:8](#) which is our [Second Reading](#) today. He was so passionate about saving souls that he led the entire ballroom to repeat after him the words "**Jesus is Lord!**" and exhorted us all to believe in our hearts and proclaim that "**God raised Jesus from the dead!**"

*Lord, give me this same passion to save souls. Never let me miss an opportunity to spread Your Gospel, to witness about Your love, to tell my story, to passionately live a virtuous life so that everyone who sees me...sees You. My prayer is that everyone who witnesses what I do and say is drawn to You because of the Love that they see I have for You and everyone I meet.*

Let us pray, "Jesus, You are the model of how I am to respond to the trials and temptations of life. Give me Your Holy Spirit to empower my ability to confront all attacks. I commit to invest time and effort in being prepared, in being proactive, in confronting the world, the flesh, and satan at every opportunity. Give me Your

passion to save as many souls as possible and bring as many as possible with me to life on high with You!. I love You Lord! Amen."

God Bless,

David