

Covenant Life

- Our next prayer meeting will be next Sunday, February 13th at 4pm in the MSMCS gym continuing our pattern of in-person prayer meetings on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. In preparation for our next gathering, please spend time in prayer seeking the Lord and asking for a prophetic word. God has spoken very clearly to us at our meetings this year and we want this to continue.
- If you were unable to attend our last prayer meeting, you can listen to the audio [here](#), and read the Word Gift summary [here](#) or the transcript [here](#).
- 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.

Community calendar

- February 13th at 4pm - CCGD Prayer Meeting - MSMCS gym
- February 15th at 6:30pm - Diocesan Synod opportunity at Mary Immaculate
- February 20th at noon - Therese Caffey Celebration of Life Prayer Luncheon - MSMCS gym (link to funeral mass video is: [here](#))
- February 27th at 4pm - CCGD Prayer Meeting - MSMCS gym

Reflection - The readings today concern the calling of Isaiah, Paul, and Peter and each story brings to life unworthiness and divine response.

The homilies I listened to all made connections between their personal calling and the readings today. Prayerful reflection likely enables each of us to make connections. What is true is that we are all unworthy, unclean, unfit, ashamed... Nevertheless, God calls us anyway. The message is simple. He needs us. His message of love, forgiveness, and His invitation to life with Him requires a response. We are each called individually and as a people to drop everything and follow Him.

For those of us who feel unworthy, the call of Isaiah ([Is 6:1-2a, 3-8](#)) assures us that God's healing forgiveness is there for the taking. There is nothing that we have done that can hold us back from His love and saying Yes to His call.

The message is the same in the second reading ([1 Cor 15:1-11](#)) where Paul proclaims that he is '*not fit to be called an apostle*' only to be followed by the divinely inspired response of '*by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has*

not been ineffective'. Paul is reassuring us that there is no magic cure for what ails us, we are who we are, each with a checkered past. Nevertheless, God wants and needs our Yes to accomplish His plan. Those of us living a life in the Spirit, baptized in His Holy Spirit can testify that it is only His grace that empowers our Yes and that His grace is released through our surrender. "O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!"

There are many potential connections between Jesus' calling of Peter and ours in the Gospel ([Lk 5:1-11](#)). Peter was called, obeyed, felt ashamed, was assured and, in the end, left everything and followed Jesus.

As a young man growing up in Community, I too was given the opportunity to respond to a call. The youth and young adult leaders asked everyone to be a part of what God was about in building Community and being a witness. Not only did I not feel like a gifted speaker but was scared to death to even speak in public. As a self-described introvert leading a public prayer meeting on Wednesday nights was not only a frightful prospect but a physical challenge due to the inward emotional response. My yes, like Peter's, followed witnessing God at work in others. I knew He was real, I knew He was at work, I had witnessed Him provide the words to say. The Yes of others led to my Yes. My prayer is that my Yes, led to others' Yes.

What is the call that God is placing before you today? What concerns or hesitations do you need Him to address? He is asking us to go out, to proclaim Him. Let us together ask for His grace to overcome whatever might hold us back.

Let us pray together. "Lord God, I hear the call You have placed on my life. I know You are calling me in a particular way today. Reveal the specifics of that call. Heal whatever hurts that might be blocking my ability to drop everything and follow You. I recommit to spending quality time with You every day to build our relationship. I recommit to my covenant with You and my sisters and brothers. I want to be about building Your kingdom and I know that it is only possible one person at a time. Show me today to whom I am being sent and give me Your grace to love them without condition and the words to convey Your unconditional love. I love You Lord."

God bless,

David