

Covenant Life

- Our next Gathering will be **TODAY** at 4pm.
- Please take note, due to holidays the next few months we are changing when we have in-person prayer meetings at MSM:
 - In April our next meeting will be the 4th Sunday, April 24th
 - In May, we will meet on the 3rd Sunday, May 15th
 - In June, we will meet on the 1st and 4th Sundays, June 5th and 26th
 - In July, we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, July 10th and 24th
- If you have not already spent time listening to the talks given at the [NAN](#) conference I highly recommend them - click [here](#). You will be blessed.
- 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.

The Coordinators have discerned 2022 as the year of recommitment, to God, to each other, and to living our covenant. He is asking us to be refreshed and begin again living the life we are called to. As I have shared the last few weeks the Coordinators prayed about our covenant and sourced a simplified version that we can use to discern which area the Holy Spirit wants us to rededicate ourselves to. Please click this link to see what God is asking of you: [Covenant Recommitment](#). The Coordinators will be giving short sharings at the end of our Gatherings this year.

With this in mind it should not be a surprise that the Holy Spirit quickened my heart during the [Gospel](#) reading today when hearing again the story of Peter's denial. As we are amid Lent, a time of penitential preparation for Easter, we reflect on the areas of our life where we might be falling short. Jesus' response is always one of love and forgiveness. He calls us to life, to wholeness, to freedom. He does not condemn but invites us to turn from anything that might be holding us back and to recommit to Him and to walk in the light, His light.

If we put ourselves in Peter's shoes for a moment...here is a man that literally spend three years, day and night, at Jesus' side with a firsthand account of

miracle after miracle. What it must have been like to see not one but time and time again the marvels of someone who had the power to command the weather and invite you to walk on water.

Yet, despite all this and even a warning, when challenged in the courtyard, he denied Jesus three times. It is easy to be judgmental, but, if we are honest, we will see within ourselves elements of this story in our own lives. We too have seen the Glory of God manifest, we too have walked with Jesus for many years, we too have been confronted with attacks of the world, and we too have fallen short.

The beauty of the Church's calendar is that we walk the same road over and over. We are privileged to hear again these stories of forgiveness and unconditional love. Peter's story is our story. Today and this Holy Week we are invited to walk Peter's path and look beyond past failures and claim the forgiveness, the healing, the freedom, the unconditional love that God has for each one of us. We are invited to begin again.

Let us spend quality time this week praying through His Word, discerning the particular message that He has for us and asking the Holy Spirit to reveal the very specific way that He wants us to respond. Let us recommit to Him, let us recommit to one another, let us be renewed and refreshed in His call to be a People, His Delight, His disciples on mission!

God Bless,
David