

## Covenant Life

- Come celebrate Devine Mercy Sunday **TODAY** at 4pm in the gym. Bring a friend or carpool with a sister or brother in the Lord. Our covenant sharing today will be given by John Wagner on the importance of daily prayer and reading and meditating on God's Word.
- Please note that due to holidays we are changing our meeting pattern:
  - In May, we will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - In June, we will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, June 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
  - In July, we will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, July 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>
- To help renew and recommit to our covenant we have shared a simplified version of our covenant enabling the Holy Spirit to speak to us about a particular area...click here: [Covenant Recommitment](#). To listen to the first sharing by Chris Coxon click here: [Praise and Worship](#).
- I recommend listening to the talks given at the [NAN](#) conference: [here](#).
- 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.

Sometimes I wonder, thinking back on growing up in Community, if our balance of time between building Community and doing outreach was skewed too far in the direction of Community building. There was always so much to do, so many people to care for, so many events that needed tending to...maybe outreach was more effectively done by Bobbie or those serving in our television ministry...

Over time I have come to appreciate Jesus' words in the [Gospel](#) today "*As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*" These were practically His final words and worthy of our foremost attention. I suspect the Church, with its discernment of the readings today, would have us take in this message. Outreach is not something that others need to take care of but rather something that He is asking of each one of us. His next words were "*Receive the Holy Spirit*" empowering us to be sent forth.

I have often reflected on the disciple's reaction to being conduits of God's power as described in the [first reading](#) from Acts. We, in the Renewal, have a taste of

that when we pray and are open to see God's word through the little miracles in our lives. This was the subject of the discussion Thursday night at our North Area meeting. We shared stories of miracles that we were a part of or witnessed.

I must confess to being a little suspicious of those that are fixated on signs and wonders but the first reading details how signs and wonders did follow the faith of the disciples and how it opened the door to so many being added to their numbers. God is Lord of the universe and His unconditional love for us manifests itself in miracles, big and small. What we are being reminded of today is the need to tell our stories...to witness to His love...to accepting the charge to be sent. He sends us all and we must get over any hesitancy or uncomfortableness and boldly invite Him into every situation throughout our day. Last night at our Area Lord's Day we heard each other's conversion stories and how we came to the Lord or to Community. It was such a blessing!

*Let us pray, "Lord, help me to make You known today. Bring those into my life that You want me to witness to. Give me a double blessing of Your Holy Spirit to give me the courage I need to speak up for You and share my joy in You and how You have transformed my life. I love You Lord and accept Your call. Send me forth empowered by Your Spirit."*

God Bless,  
David