

Covenant Life

- The month of May is filled with holidays and since we prioritize family time our only May in-person prayer meeting will be 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
- This is a year of renewing and recommitting to our covenant. A simplified version of our covenant is here: [Covenant Recommitment](#). Please review and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the area He wants to refresh in your life. Chris Coxon shared about [Praise and Worship](#) and John Wagner shared about [Daily Prayer and Scripture Reading](#). What does God want you to witness about?
- 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](#).
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Last week, in praying through the readings, I was led to wonder about our witness. What I heard growing up in Community was that our life was our witness...and certainly it was. But I am still concerned that maybe we did not exercise our evangelistic muscles as much as we could have.

Last week we heard some of Jesus' final words to his disciples: "*Receive the Holy Spirit*" and "*As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*" This week, in the [continuation](#), Jesus stresses the importance of outward focus. Three times He asks Peter if he loves Him. Three times Jesus responds to Peter's affirmative answer with the exhortation to feed and tend to others. We can ponder what this tending and feeding look like, but these are not sophisticated or complicated words. They can be understood practically by providing for and loving one another as well as meeting the needs of the whole person through not just physical love and support but also the spiritual health and well-being.

This was particularly evident in the [first reading](#) where we hear Peter and the apostles respond to threats from the religious leaders about their "filling Jerusalem with your teaching". They not only witnessed Jesus but rejoiced that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of His name. They were feeding and tending to those in their day.

Today, I ask us to reflect on two questions. First, how is our covenant life a witness and what can we individually and collectively do to make our covenant life shine even brighter? And, how can we individually and collectively follow the example of Peter and the apostles in filling our streets with His teaching? ...not only unafraid of the implications but eager to rejoice in any persecution suffered as a result...

Let us pray, "Lord, prosper the work of my hands as I try to live for You. Allow the light of my life to shine bright for You. Give me the courage to make You known today. Lord, I know that You call me to do my daily activities with great love, bring opportunities each day for showing Your love. Allow me to be Your witness by everything I do and say today and every day! Show me also how I can collaborate with my covenant sisters and brothers in building Your kingdom so that we model heaven on earth. Send us forth, empowered by Your Spirit, to being light and love and to fulfill the mission You have entrusted to us to feed and tend to our sisters and brothers."

God Bless,
David