

Covenant Life

- Due to May holidays our only in-person prayer meeting this month 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
- We are excited to announce our next Day of Renewal will be held on Saturday June 11th from 9am to 2pm. Please save this date on your calendar and we will announce more details each week.
- 2022 is a year to refresh our covenant commitment. A simplified version is here: [Covenant Recommitment](#). Please review and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the area He wants to recommit to. Chris Coxon shared about [Praise and Worship](#) and John Wagner shared about [Daily Prayer and Scripture Reading](#).
- 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.

As I was praying through the readings today, my attention was drawn to the words from the [Gospel](#) where Jesus said, "*My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*"

I thought back to a sharing in Community where the discussion focused on how to hear God's voice. The point that was made then was how many distracting voices there were that surround us. In pondering this point today, how much worse has this become? Like any tool, the Internet is not inherently good or bad, it is just a tool, a resource. It is how we use it that determines the impact on our lives. The coordinators are reading and studying a book *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission* and our discussion Friday night touched on the despair we can find ourselves in when apart from God's eternal destiny. The author warned that many succumb to the "opiate of the masses - electronic entertainment".

My point is that the distractions of life, the voices all around us, seem to be growing at an exponential pace. It is harder and harder to actually hear God's voice and discern what He is telling us.

Yesterday I was rereading the surveys that followed our Covenant meeting early this year and many of you rightly responded to the question of "What is God saying to you about Community" with versions of "If you want to know what God wants you to do...Ask Him...He will gladly tell you".

This is so true, but it begs the question, how do we hear His voice and how do we recognize His voice?

I reflected on this and looked back on my prayer times and scripture studies of late and the first thought that came to me was how much wisdom and insight I have experienced in our bible study. I have shared that Laurie and I joined a bible study that Bob and Gretchen Montgomery started two years ago leveraging material from Jeff Cavins. Most of the group are Community members or have a connection to the school but we have others also. The study has been a real blessing to me, and I think everyone in the group. The point is that being a part of the group takes us regularly into God's word, it brings insight, it shines light on areas that are confusing, it reveals God's Word to me and to the group.

Doing such a Bible study in a small group of Community sisters and brothers enables quality dialog that helps separate the noise of the Internet, media, entertainment, and shines a light on the life affirming message that God has been speaking to us since we first said Yes to His call.

Jesus today says to us *"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."* Is this not what each of us wants? We want to hear His voice and follow Him. We want to do this individually and as a Community. If we do this, who can stop us?

If you are not already in such a life affirming small group considering calling a couple Community sisters and brothers and suggest starting a bible study. Jeff Cavins' material is excellent and when we surround ourselves with others and dive into God's Word, He will speak to us, not only directly from His word but also through the insight of our Holy Spirit inspired sisters and brothers in the Lord.

Let us pray, *"Lord God I want to hear Your voice, I want to recognize Your voice, I want to follow Your direction. Speak to me when I call upon You. Help me to get deeper into Your Word and help me to surround myself with sisters and brothers"*

who will help me to hear and recognize Your voice. I love You and recommit to sitting at Your feet."

God Bless,
David