

Covenant Life

- Our next in-person Gathering will be on Sunday, June 26th. In July, we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, July 10th and 24th.
- 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](#), and Mike Wagner shared on [Conforming our lives to Jesus & drawing others to Him](#). Soon we will share Sharon Harman's sharing.
- 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.

For those who were able to attend our Day of Renewal yesterday...what a blessing. We were overjoyed to have Fr. Michal lead us through the early chapters of St. John of Avila's book [Audi, Filia](#) which he explained translates Listen, Daughter. In the coming days we will make the materials available on our website but I will share a few highlights that we can begin meditating on so that the Holy Spirit can begin leading us in the direction He would have us go to more conform our lives to His will.

In the morning sessions Fr. Michal focused on the three enemies of our salvation: the world, the flesh, and the devil. He explained the connection between the three temptations of Jesus and these enemies. He spent the morning, sharing highlights from St. John of Avila's book, and went into detail on each of these enemies. His objective was to help us tune out these enemies: satan who lies and comes to steal, the flesh which claims we are unable to suffer, and the world which constantly calls our attention to the cares of the world, riches, and fame.

Growing up in Community we have heard talks about these enemies but what I appreciated was the attention to the combat weapons. He explained that against satan use the weapon of prayer, against the world use the weapon of almsgiving, against the flesh use the weapon of fasting.

For each of the enemies Fr. Michal spoke about its language and detailed many remedies. I will not go into much detail on these as I hope to soon have the audio recording loaded to our website so that everyone can listen and re-listen allowing the Holy Spirit to speak a particular message.

After lunch Fr. Michal changed from discussing the language of the enemies to the language of God. He explained the importance of hearing and recognizing the voice of God, the voice of truth in our lives. I was particularly blessed with the reminder that struggles can be providential if we allow them to turn our attention back to God and His voice. Struggles can be an invitation to listen to the Father and allow Him to speak His truth to us.

Fr. Michal ended our Day of Renewal calling our attention to the greatest commandments. He pointed us to both references: in the Old Testament - Deut. 6:4-9, and in the New Testament - Mark 12:28-34. Our closing meditation was to reflect on these two inseparable commandments by listening, loving God, and loving one another.

If you were privileged to be in attendance, I exhort you to read and re-read your notes and prayerfully reflect on the scriptures provided. If you were not able to attend, I have provided highlights so we can begin our prayerful study and reflection of the message the Holy Spirit has for us as a Community to resist our enemies and tune into God through attention to His Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. "O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

God Bless,
David