

Covenant Life

- Our next in-person Gathering will be next Sunday July 24th at 4pm. In August and September, we will continue our pattern of meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.
- Recommitting to our [covenant](#) is our 2022 priority and the coordinators are sharing about it. Please take time to listen to the sharing at the bottom of our homepage: GodsDelight.org.
- 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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Today's [Gospel](#) covers the very familiar story of Mary and Martha and the balance between time with our Lord and our daily obligations. We have all heard many teachings, especially on the importance of daily prayer, that reference this passage.

As I reflected again on these few verses it brought back memories of these sharings. Mary chose to sit beside the Lord at His feet listening to Him! How simple yet profound. Prayer is talking to God and listening for Him to respond. Most of the time we may not hear specific responses but if we listen for the whisper...more often than not, we will hear Him.

All relationships start with conversation. We cannot get to know God without being in a relationship with Him, a deepening relationship built on two-way conversation. This was always such an important point. Prayer must be two-way. Yes, we need to read His word, yes, we need to read spiritual books, yes, we need to read about the lives of the saints, but since conversation and relationship are built on two-way dialog we must prioritize pauses and quiet reflective time to hear Him respond.

Too often the cares and concerns of the day distract us and pull us away from active listening. Jesus defends Mary and reassures Martha, and us, that this is the better part...active listening to God reveal Himself to us. It is not easy, hence the encouragement for daily practice...

My hero when it comes to prayer is David. Talk about someone who was candid in expressing himself. What a delight it is to read the psalms and hear the sheer honesty of his developing relationship with God. Such extreme highs and lows, all expressed in candor. Here was a man not afraid to be himself and communicate clearly to God what was going on in his life.

Sisters and Brother, our life mission is to 'let go and let God'. To surrender our lives to the God of the universe and trust Him, that He knows us intimately and only wants the very best for us. What makes this kind of surrender possible is surrendering to someone we know intimately and someone we have total faith in. God is not asking us to do this in an atmosphere of blind faith, He is asking this of us in the context of a loving, caring, Father and child relationship built through our daily coming to Him and sitting at His feet, just as Mary did. Let us not get too focused on the good things that life demands of us, as Martha did, but follow Mary's example and prioritize time with Him, sitting at His feet, listening for our loving Father, reveal Himself.

Let us pray. "Lord, you know how much I desire to spend time with You, how much I want to develop my personal relationship with You... My prayer today and every day is that my time with You would be fruitful, that my time with You will be a blessing, that my time with You will be candid expressions of my journey toward You and Your revelations of Your love and direction for My life. Lead me today and every day a bit closer to the life on high You have for me. I love you. Amen."

God Bless,
David