

Covenant Life

- Our next in-person Gathering is a week from today, Sunday November 27th at 3pm continuing the pattern of meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.
- Sue Wagner is updating the foyer bulletin board to honor our deceased loved ones. To participate, either bring a 5x7 or smaller picture or email her one.
- If you have not already completed your 2023 Promise, please click [here](#).
- During 2022 we are recommitting to our covenant, details and sharings are on the [Covenant Life page](#).
- 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.

When our bible study (using Jeff Cavin's Bible Timeline) covered 1 Samuel I struggled to comprehend the story of the Israelites asking for a king (8:5). Growing up in our democracy it was hard to comprehend any people asking to be led by a king. Seeing daily how 'power' is a monster tempter...it made little sense to empower one person with unchecked control.

I was also struck with a sentence from Pope Pius XI's encyclical "*Christ is our King by acquired as well as natural right, for he is our Redeemer*". It is obvious that Jesus is our natural king as God's only beloved Son, but intriguing to think of Him also acquiring His Kingship by His willing surrender as our Redeemer.

Reconciling these points in the modern era is not easy. Desiring to be under the control of someone is foreign...unless we comprehend the depth of Jesus' love. Who is this that, as our King by natural right, would give up everything to redeem me, us, the entire world? Pondering this can be transformational.

The [Gospel](#) today describes someone who contemplated this point and make an eternal altering decision. While one of the criminals had the typical response of focusing on himself, the other had the courage to see the upside-down truth of

the situation. Could the Son of God really be hanging on a tree next to me? Do I have the courage to respond?

Such is the path of the Christian. Seeing things from a divine perspective. Willing to act on faith. Possessing the courage to defy the crowd and do what is against human nature. Such is our path. A path made all the more walkable having had the King of Kings and Lord of Lords show us the way and partner with us every moment we turn to Him.

"Jesus, my King, and my Savior, I surrender to You. I choose to be under Your divine will and providence. I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior and recommit to Your Kingship over my life. I acknowledge You and publicly declare You as my King. Remember me when You come into Your kingdom! Amen."

God Bless,
David