

Covenant Life

- Our next in-person prayer meeting will be next Sunday, June 13th at 4pm in the MSMCS gym. Come and bring a friend.
- Following our Let the Fire Fall Challenge we experienced a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit at our Pentecost Gathering. If you were not able to attend you can listen to the audio of the prayer meeting here or review the Word Gift summary here or read the transcript here.
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Reflection - I want to do something a little different with my weekly reflection today. As it turns out today is my parents 62nd wedding anniversary and I would like to use this moment to honor them. Mom and dad are fairly quiet folks. They are not the kind of folks that seek or desire the spotlight. They push back on attempts to plan events to honor them and are quite comfortable just serving and being there for others.

Now I know that God made us all different and we are all wonderful in His eyes. He made us introverts and extroverts. We are all equal and loved in His sight. I would like to take a moment to honor my mom and dad who have loved each other and served each other, and our family, and our Community for so many decades.

As I reflected a moment on being together for 62 years, I was quickly reminded that there are many many examples in our Community of couples being married, 50, 60, 70 years. And while we are all walking different roads, have different burdens to carry, and must not judge another...I still want to honor the many many couples who have set awesome examples and persevered to witness long term covenant love.

This has been and continues to be a witness for me. This is what it means to shine our light and live for Him. It is so much more than knowing the right answers to questions or being in a comfortable living situation. Life is about long term giving, loving, serving, letting go, surrendering, focused on another. Life is about being so

focused on what God is asking of us that we search for ways to say Yes to others. For those so blessed to still be in such a relationship, it is a blessing to see examples of brothers and sisters willing to put another first, day in and day out.

For most, marriage is hard work. It is a constant denying of ourselves and focusing on the needs of another. Easy words to say, tough words to live by, day in and day out.

Mom and Dad, I love you, I love the fact that you have persevered and walked the road of covenant love for 62 years.

Holy men and women of God's Delight, I thank you as well. I thank you for the love and witness that you have shown in whatever state in life that you are in and have been in and to the degree that you have added to the pedigree of committed covenant love that is The Christian Community of God's Delight. We are His Delight because of our collective Yes.

Let us all, regardless of where God has us planted today, recommit to loving each other, empowered by His covenant love so that we shine bright, in everything that we do, in everything that we say, so that being His Delight, continues to draw the people of God home to their Father.

Let us pray *"Heavenly Father, I am sorry for any times I have not lived Your covenant love or not acted in a way consistent with being Your delight. I am truly sorry and recommit myself, here and now, to loving You and loving the sisters and brothers that You have placed into my life. I will start with those that I am closest too and will love them with all my heart and show them Your love. Help me to love them in small ways, a smile, a hug, an affirming word... Help me to learn their love language and love them as they want to be loved. Father, give me the gift of selflessness to always see others as You see them and the grace of Your Holy Spirit to empower me to love them as You love them. Amen."*

God bless,
David