

Covenant Life

- We are meeting **today** at 4pm, Please join us. We are meeting in-person on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.
- We are trying to complete our 2022 Promise Drive, if you have not already provided your promise, please bring it today or enter [here](#).
- If you were unable to attend our last prayer meeting you can listen to the audio [here](#), the Word Gift summary [here](#) and 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.

Reflection - The Holy Spirit can and does speak to us through God's Word whenever we give Him a chance. This is why our daily personal time with Him is so vital to our life in the Spirit. Giving Him quality time, in a quiet place, with the most attention we can, is vital to growing our relationship.

This is certainly nothing new to anyone in Community but with covid still holding us back from fully living as close to one another as we prefer...some things are worth hearing again.

Each week I read the inspired scriptures from the Sunday mass and simply ask the Holy Spirit to lead me to one point to share with you.

I was led to the Psalm, six nonconsecutive versus from Psalm 25, chosen as our Responsorial Psalm today. I prayed and asked the Holy Spirit to speak a particular word. I read the verses and reread them. I paused and was silent beseeching the Holy Spirit to speak clearly. I highlight the text that seemed to be the essence of what the verses meant. I rewrote the six versus in my own words, careful to replicate the meaning but doing it with my choice of words making it easier me to understand. I then colored the verbs in red to focus my attention on what I might be asked to do. I paused again and listened for insight.

The result of my prayer was the words *"be attentive to the Holy Spirit and humble with God's children so that God can teach me His ways and truths."* And the then resolve *"I will study and reverently keep Your covenant hoping to find favor, kindness, and Your friendship today."*

Further reflection and I discerned that this word was for me rather than the word for this letter. Continuing in prayer I wondered if the Lord wanted me to share the journey to the word even if not the word specifically. Our Community is a praying people. Our Community is a biblical people who study and devour His Word.

My prayer is that we each are so blessed by our daily time with the Lord that, on occasion, we are eager to tell someone about it. Yes, our whole lives can be lived submitted and attentive to His Holy Spirit, and He will reveal Himself continuously in small ways throughout our day...but...we must keep sacred our special time where we tune out the cares of the day and just listen. There are many different types of material (songs, bible, prayers, books, podcasts...) that we can use for prompting but following all sources of inspiration should be quality time doing nothing but listening...praying "Speak to us Lord, Your servant is listening".

Let us pray together "Heavenly Father, I come to You as my father and beg You to reveal Yourself to me when I turn to You in my heart. Show me Your love, allow me to experience Your great love. Jesus, You are my personal Lord and Savior, and I desire to follow Your footsteps. When I turn to You in prayer, show me Your love, compassion, humility...teach me Your ways and instruct my paths. Holy Spirit, be ever present to me today. My desire is that You be a constant source of inspiration, grace, and the power I need to live for You, today and every day! Amen."

God bless,
David