

Covenant Life

- We are excited to announce that we will start again to have in-person Community Gatherings next Sunday, March 28th at 4pm in the MSM gym. We will follow CDC guidelines to ensure a safe space.
- Your ongoing financial support is sincerely appreciated. Please donate online [here](#) or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, Tx 75222.

Reflection - The last two weeks I have shared a message from the Charismatic Leaders Fellowship meeting that I attended in Augusta GA. Following this meeting Neil Coward, my dad, Laurie, and I were joined by John Wagner, Chase, Laura, and Juliette Dorsey for the North American Network (NAN) conference.

John Wagner, with his strong technical skills and servant's heart, quickly jumped in to serving on the Sound Team. It was a joy to see him quickly learn new technology and then become an integral part of sound and broadcast team.

Chase and Laura were asked to give a testimony about Covenant Community. They wisely chose the topic of engaging youth and young adults since this is one of the most significant challenges facing all the communities that make up NAN. In my reflection today I would like to highlight their witness. Please watch the 20-minute sharing [here](#).

Laura opens the sharing by asking the question of what drew you to the Renewal, to Community? Answers range from visible joy to the accountability of sisters and brothers in the Lord, to a personal encounter with the Holy Spirit.

Regardless of our own personal response, the answer becomes the foundation of our Yes to the Lord. Jesus asks us to 'make disciples of all nations' and this is a lifelong calling for every one of us. Our witness, our example, must start with our own personal story, our testimony.

Chase and Laura's witness then asks many introspective questions regarding the state of our living our witness. Do our lives today reflect the joy, the fruit of mutual accountability, the personal encounter with the Holy Spirit? Are our lives a light and witness to others, to youth and young adults? Am I filled with a

contagious joy of the Holy Spirit and living a radical way of life? These are particularly important questions for each of us to meditate on and then make adjustments. We all want another generation of youth and young adults to answer the call to covenant community but are we doing what is needed to show unconditional love and create an environment of belonging for them?

Chase and Laura next highlight that the time is now. That, regardless of their age, we do the practical things to get to know our youth and young adults, that we enable them to experience Community as their Community so that they are empowered to shape its direction, serve, and be valued for their contributions. Chase and Laura stress the point that it is our responsibility to help them discover their place in the Body of Christ and empower them with a chance to live it out.

After providing some very practical suggestions they end asking several important questions: Are we ready to welcome and engage them? Are we willing to make changes? Are you ready?

I passionately believe that the Dallas Fort Worth metroplex will be better off the next twenty years if another generation of dedicated youth come together with like-minded peers to continue building charismatic covenant community here. This is not a challenge only for the CCGD coordinators...it is a challenge issued to every one of us. Chase and Laura ask many probing questions in their testimony and I request that you listen and take it to heart. What can I do different today to help pass on the charism of charismatic covenant community to another generation?

The first reading today foretells the New Covenant. *"I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more."* You and I have experienced this covenant. We have lived it for decades. But this prophesy is not yet complete. We still have work to do so that *"All, from least to greatest, shall*

know me". Let us to our part today and tomorrow so another generation will know Him!

Let us pray "Heavenly Father, if I have been afraid to witness for You...I am sorry. If I have hesitated or prioritized other activities...I am sorry. I truly give my life entirely to You and want to live for You and witness for You. I accept my responsibility to live a life that is a constant example of Your Joy. I accept my responsibility to live a life of mutual accountability. I accept my responsibility to always live a life that is transformed by my personal relationship with You. Let me find a way today to witness Your great love. Amen."

God bless,
David