

**Example of
Total Commitment to Following Jesus**

The Fellowship of the Unashamed

(A final testimony by an African Christian just before he was martyred for his faith.)

I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed. The dye has been cast. The decision has been made. I have stepped over the line. I won't look back, let up, slow down, or back away.

My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I'm finished with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, tamed vision, mundane talking, cheap giving, and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk with patience, live by prayer, and labor with power.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions are few, my guide is reliable, my mission is clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, spoken up for the case of Christ, I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I must go 'till He comes, give 'till I drop, preach 'till all know, and work 'till He stops me. And when He comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me. My banner is clear; I am a part of the fellowship of the unashamed.

Contained in this pamphlet is material that will help you in your walk with Jesus as you endeavor to join...

The Fellowship of the Holy Heart

There are two parts of God's call to the 'Fellowship.' First there is the call to personal holiness—loving Jesus with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and obeying His will for our lives. Second, there is the call to self denial and diligent prayer for a revival among God's people here and around the world. We are covenanting together to ask God to come once again and cleanse and purify and revive His people.

Matthew 22:37, Leviticus 26:12, Revelation 21:3

Five goals in Living as a Disciple of Jesus

1. An Intimate Relationship with the Triune God

God calls us into an intimate love relationship with Himself. He longs for us to love Him with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. (Deuteronomy 6:4-6)

To enter into this covenant love relationship we must be willing to repent from all known sin and allow God to cleanse our hearts and fill us with His Holy Spirit.

What is my response?

Love—Do I love Jesus Christ with all my heart, soul, mind and strength? (Deuteronomy 6:4-6)

Repentance—Am I willing to repent of all my sin and submit my will to the will of Jesus? (I John 19)

Worship— Am I worshipping Jesus with my life, my attitudes and my actions? (Romans 12:1-2)

2. Godly Character

God is holy and He longs for us to be holy (I Peter 1:15-16) so that our lives and character may reflect His glory completely. To really know God we must be willing to allow Him to transform us. (I Thessalonians 5:23-24)

What is my response?

Receptivity—Am I willing to *hear* what Jesus has to say to me? (James 1:19)

Faith—Am I willing to *trust* Jesus? (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Obedience—Am I willing to *obey* Jesus in whatever He asks of me? (I Peter 1:22-23)

3. Godly Thinking

Not only does God want to transform our character, He wants to transform our thinking so that we begin to think like He thinks (Philippians 1:5). How is this possible? It is possible by the coming of the Holy Spirit into my life, a diligent study of God's Holy Word, and an intimate prayer life.

What is my response?

The Holy Spirit—Have I been filled with God's Holy Spirit? (Ephesians 3:14-21)

Scripture—Am I soaking myself in God's Word daily to know God's mind? (II Timothy 3:16)

Prayer—Is my prayer time with Jesus the delight of my heart? (I Thessalonians 5:16, Luke 18)

Books—Am I allowing the Holy Spirit to guide my reading so that my mind is stretched and challenged? (II Timothy 4:13)

Distractions—Do I spend as much time with Jesus, as I do with TV, hobbies, sports or other forms of entertainment? (I John 5:20-21)

Fasting and Prayer:

“But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”
(Matthew 17:21)

Did you know that fasting is referred to a total of 43 times in the Old Testament and a total of 28 times in the New Testament? Not only is this an interesting fact, but it is also a reminder that God instituted fasting as a spiritual means of grace.

Fasting is an opportunity for us to set aside time to seek the Lord through some form of self-denial. This is a chance to exercise a spiritual privilege. If fasting is carried through by the leading of the Lord, He can use it to draw us closer to Himself. What an inspired way to set aside time to earnestly seek after Jesus.

Many have shared of the spiritual growth they have experienced through their times of fasting. Some have found much blessing in the ‘fasting’ from their favorite night of TV. Others have fasted from certain types of food (chocolate, coffee, snacks, etc.). Several who were new to fasting decided to give up one meal, while others who had done some fasting before felt Jesus leading them to go 24 hours or more without eating. The main point is that if you feel led to fast, the Holy Spirit will guide you as to what type of fasting Jesus would have you do.

Many people who participate in The Fellowship of the Holy Heart have set aside Tuesdays as a “fast day.” You are by no means locked into Tuesday if another day suits you better. Once again, we encourage you to be open to how the Lord is leading you. We would ask that you consider a fasting and prayer time at least once a week.

Please seek Jesus as to whether Covenant is a commitment He is leading you to make.



“Two or More”

Fellow intercessors can help us to keep faith with the requests and burdens the Lord has given us to carry. I know many have lost heart over a request that they have prayed over for a long period of time without seeing any visible change. Prayer partners can pick up that request and pray boldly and fervently over that need when our faith is weak, oftentimes renewing our commitment and passion for that concern. “A cord of three strands is not easily broken.”

If you do not already have any prayer partners ask the Lord to show you who those people might be that He wants you to unite with in prayer. Don’t be surprised if He gives you the names of people you wouldn’t normally think of. The key is to be open to His leading. When Jesus puts people together, they are more apt to stay together. Remember, “man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Trust Jesus to search hearts to find your prayer partners.

Once you find your prayer partners, you should commit to a time and place. Some only meet once a week. Others meet several times a week. Ask the Lord what He desires for you at this time. Pick a time that suits those involved. Many have found that they do best when they meet in the early morning before the demands of the day are upon them. Some do better over the noon hour or before bed time. Whatever you decide, try to be consistent by making this time a priority in your week.

God bless you as you seek Him through corporate prayer.



4. Fruitful Ministry

Fruitful ministry comes not out of our doing but out of our being in relationship with Jesus and a few like-minded disciples. For most of us it involves sharing your life and investing in three circles of ministry—family, believers and non-believers (Titus 2:3-5; John 15:16-17).

What is my response?

In whom am I investing?

5. A Relationship with Other Like-minded Women (Titus 2:3-5).

One of the things that impresses us about the gospel story is the close relationships Jesus forms with His disciples. He commits himself to twelve men. Commitment to a group seems to be a vital part of God’s plan for our encouragement, growth and accountability. There are no lone disciples in the New Testament.

What is my response?

Do you know the joy of being in a small group for growing in grace, in accountability and in prayer?

People you can ask to meet with you in a small group:

Notes on Starting a Revival:

Gypsy Smith was once asked how to start a revival. He answered: Go home, lock yourself in your room, kneel down in the middle of your floor. Draw a chalk mark all around yourself and ask God to start the revival inside the chalk mark. When He has answered your prayer the revival will be on.

Revival is when we come to the realization that Jesus Himself is the only One who is able to meet the deepest needs of our lives, and we stop looking elsewhere.

-Jeannine Brabon—OMS Missionary to Colombia

**Covenant Commitments for
The Fellowship of the Holy Heart:**

*“Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you.” Psalm 85:6*

1. I commit myself to time in God’s Word on a daily basis.
2. I commit myself to pray daily for a revival of God’s people.
 - a. I commit myself to pray for my family and church. (Acts 2:12)
 - b. I commit to pray daily for three unsaved people that they might become Christians. (1 Timothy 2:4)
 - c. I commit to pray daily for a spiritual awakening in our nation.
 - d. In order for God to expand my vision for the world, I commit myself to pray daily for a country that the Lord lays on my heart. This includes praying for the lost ones of the country and the missionaries serving there. (Psalm 2:8)
3. Once a week I commit myself to fasting or some form of self-denial to pray for revival, my three most wanted, and the country that God has placed on my heart. (Mt 6:16-18)
4. Once a week I commit myself to meet with a few other like-minded women for accountability, time in the Word, and prayer for all of these concerns. (Mt 28:18-19).

Signature: _____ Date _____

Name of Prayer Partner _____

Time & Place of Meeting _____

Name of Country _____

My “3 Most Wanted” people to come to Christ:

**Examples of
Prayers for Transformation and Renewal**

The Knife of the Cross

“Holy Spirit, apply the knife of the cross
to every bit of the old life in me,
wherever Thou canst see it;
in the places where I do not know it,
especially down deep into secret pride.”
“Pray the Lord to keep the knife of the cross
applied to every part of our being,
your cleverness of intellect, your self-confidence,
your sympathies, your affections.
Let the knife be used by God all the time,
not yesterday, but today.
This means keeping the material
which the enemy can fasten upon
out of his way.
The bullet proof place of victory,
is only to be known through
the knife of the cross being kept continually
applied to the old creation day by day.”
-Jessie Penn-Lewis

The Flame of God

“Oh the precious flame of God in the heart;
the flame of God that comes to burn out sin
and burn in holiness!
I believe in a Savior
who does not only deal with the guilt
and power of sin,
but takes away the love of sin,
and puts in its place
a flame of passion for God,
for charity, for holiness, for Jesus, for souls,
for the world.”
-Alan Redpath