



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Women's Ministry

Last week Caroline and I had the privilege of spending several days with women from across the PCA who serve in women's ministry. We spent a lot of time reading and meditating on 1 Kings 19:1-18. This passage comes right after the show down on Mount Carmel where God demonstrated his power in such a way that the people responded by falling on their faces saying "The Lord, he is God; the Lord, he is God." Elijah instructs all the people to seize and kill the prophets of Baal. Jezebel, in turn, threatens to kill Elijah. Elijah, rather than standing firm in the Lord, was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life. What comes next is such a sweet picture of the care and tenderness that our heavenly Father offers his people. After running a day's journey into the wilderness, Elijah lay down and went to sleep. Chapter 19 tells us that behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." Elijah ate and drank and lay down again. And the angel of the Lord came again and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you."

Do you feel like the journey is too great? Do you feel heavy-laden, worried, anxious, over-whelmed? Do you sense that no matter how hard you try, no matter how hard you work that you will always fall short? The journey is too great for you. Rest in the Lord, wait on the Lord, present yourself before the Lord. Our heavenly Father longs to provide his children with the provisions they need for the journey he has set before them.

Gathered worship on Sunday morning is a provision from the Lord. The rhythm of our worship service is outlined in our Discover Covenant Class:

He summons us.
We worship him.
He reveals his glory.
We adore him.
He convicts us.
We repent and confess.
He forgives us.
We share his peace.
He speaks.
We listen.
He feeds us.
We go, sent with his blessing.

Read through this again and focus on the things that God does. Are you aware of his work when you come to worship? Are you able to respond to his work by worshipping him, adoring him, confessing and repenting, experiencing his peace, listening to his word and going to do his work? Our heavenly Father longs to give good gifts to his children. Being a part of the body of believers, his church is one of those gifts. Join us!

Join us for Worship, for Sunday School, for prayer, for Bible study, for Wednesday night dinner, for service opportunities in and around our city, and so much more. Part of God's provision for the journey is our brothers and sisters. We are not meant to walk alone but in community.

Please let us know if we can help you get involved at Covenant, Caroline and I both love to meet for walks, coffee, lunch, and did I say walks?

Blessings,

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