

Daring Faith: Daring to Commit
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Read: Romans 6:13 & Romans 12:1

The Great Commandment and the Great Commission teach us 5 things God wants us to commit to...

- ***Knowing God***
- ***Loving God***
- ***Growing in God***
- ***Serving God***
- ***Sharing God***

To give ourselves ***completely*** to God, to be used for His purpose – it's the very reason He created you. This is the ***utmost*** commitment we can make in life.

THREE COMMITMENTS I CAN MAKE

1. My faith is strengthened _____

Read: Isaiah 40:31 & Psalm 100:2

2. I discover my identity and purpose _____

Read: Romans 12:4-5, Ephesians 2:16 & 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

3. I increase my potential _____

Read: Ephesians 4:16

Weekly prayer of the *Sword of the Spirit*

The Sword of the Spirit, an ecumenical association of Christian communities worldwide, prays and fasts weekly for Christian unity. This prayer focuses on the restoration of Christian truth, holiness of life, unity, and witness. In this prayer we identify with the sin and infidelity of God's people, even as Daniel (Daniel 9:5-11,20) and Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1:4-7) identified themselves with the transgressions of Israel. God relates to His people as a body. We stand before Him in prayer, not only as individuals, but also as representatives of His Church. We may not have sinned personally in the ways mentioned in this prayer, but we have suffered personally from the effects of these sins, and we will all benefit greatly as God wipes them away.

Leader: Lord God, our Father, we come to You in supplication on behalf of all Christian people. We lament the weakness and division among those who call on the Name of Christ. We acknowledge that we have failed to "maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3). We grieve that our disunity has hindered the proclamation of the Gospel to all the nations (Matthew 28:18; John 17:23). We recognize that these evils have come upon us, not only through the malice of our enemy, but because of our sin, the sin of Your people. Lord have mercy upon us, and pardon our sin

Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, unite Your people in familial love, and in Your truth, that we might together give witness to Christ in the world.

Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, frustrate Your enemies, and expose their plots; call to repentance all Your sons and daughters; strengthen the weak and enlighten those who are confused.

Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, encourage and strengthen, by the presence of Your Spirit, all who are suffering for their faithfulness to You. Restore Your people for the sake of Your great Name. May Your people be without spot or blemish, ready for Your Son's return!

Response: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!