

## February 2017

*“This was the most important service of worship I’ve ever been a part of.”*

*“I have returned to the (Covenant Renewal) service several times during my times of prayer and meditation this past week.”*

*“What a powerful service.”*

*“I’ve never been a part of this service before. It’s so moving.”*

*“Sunday’s Covenant Renewal service has made me feel closer to God...It’s hard to put into words.”*

*“It’s (Covenant Renewal Service) so humbling, yet so empowering.”*

The comments and reflections continue to roll in. I have participated in the Wesleyan Covenant Renewal service multiple times. Each time, it has had a profound impact on my life. The quotes above represent some of the experiences you have communicated to me since the service was held on January 15, 2017. Some of you spoke so enthusiastically to others who were absent that Sunday that they were inspired to request a copy for themselves.

Consider this prayer we prayed together:

Let me be your servant, under your command.

I will no longer be my own.

I will give up myself to your will in all things.

Lord, make me what you will.

I put myself fully into your hands:

put me to doing, put me to suffering.

let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you.

let me be full, let me be empty,

let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

I sense God doing a mighty work in our midst. And why not? When God’s people respond with honesty, humility, reverence and a willingness to be used by God in

whatever way God chooses, then something extra-ordinary happens . . . and . . .  
all things become possible!

We were admonished to “see that we do not lie to God” as we renew our  
commitment; and to “resolve to be faithful . . . with God’s power . . . “ We were  
encouraged to verbalize our promise and then to physically sign our names to the  
covenant.

So be it.

~ PASTOR TODD