CONSECRATED PEGPICE

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A SEASON OF CONSECRATION

- The wider Elim family are currently on a journey together through a 'season of consecration'
 - Personal
 - -Churches
 - Movement

Consecrate

...make or declare (something, typically a church) sacred; dedicate formally to a religious purpose.

OXFORD LANGUAGES DICTIONARY

THE OXFORD DICTIONARY SUGGESTS A 'CHURCH' IS A SET-APART PLACE, BUT WE KNOW THAT THE CHURCH IS A SET-APART PEOPLE!

SET APART, NOT FOR A RELIGIOUS RITUAL, BUT FOR A DIVINE RELATIONSHIP

19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies.

LIVES OF CONSECRATION

- This term we plan to address subjects often avoided in churches including a God shaped view on sexuality the context of this passage
- Our bodies are sacred and consecrated spaces the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit

AS OUR INDIVIDUAL BODIES ARE SET APART FOR THE LORD, SO IS OUR COLLECTIVE BODY -THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful

10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercv

A COMMUNITY OF CONSECRATION

This represents a different, new covenant understanding of being set apart

- We are a full body of priests and ministers
- -We are all 'Christian'
 - -Anointed / set apart

LIVES & MOMENTS OF CONSECRATION

- 'Moments of encounter and a lifetime of formation' (R. Villodas, ELS22)
- As the people of God we are called to a whole life of being set-apart
- Yet we recognise that is marked by moments of sacrifice, commitment and symbolism

BAPTISM IS A MOMENT OF PERSONAL CONSECRATION

BREAKING BREAD IS A MOMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSECRATION

MONENTS OF CONSECRATION

In an ideal world, we would be so perfectly devoted to The Lord that we would have no need for moments of consecration... but this is not an ideal world!

 Throughout history, God has called His people to such sacred and shaping moments

MONENTS OF CONSECRATION

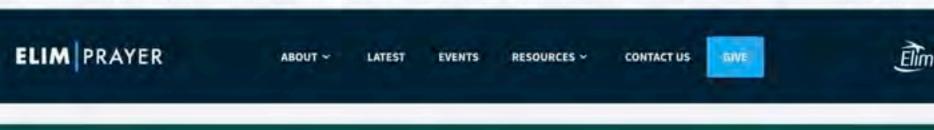
- The Old Testament is replete with moments of consecration
- The Leviticus passage we began with is the call at the heart of this
- His people called to live His way (for their own sake)

5 Joshua told the people, 'Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among

CONSECRATION

personal churches movement





"I dare to believe that Elim's future can be greater than our history if we will humbly bow in surrender and service. Our season of consecration is key to this right posture." — Mark Pugh, General Superintendent

ELIM CHURCHES ARE CURRENTLY BEING CALLED TO A MOMENT OF CONSECRATION

WHAT IF WE ARE ON THE RIVERBANK OF AN AMAZING THING THAT GOD WILL DO FOR ELIM ABERYSTWYTH?

A MONENT OF CONSECRATION

- A call from our new national leader to 'humbly bow in surrender and service'
- Whole life holiness and surrender to The Lord
- Commitment to loving and serving Him with all our heart, mind, soul and strength

A MONENT OF CONSECRATION

 A time for personal and community confession repentance and dedication

 24hr prayer next week and NOvember

-A moment to review how we honour one another and serve God with all we have

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