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Loving God for Who He Is: A Pastor's Perspective By John Piper

One of the most important discoveries I have ever made is this truth: God is most glorified in me when I am most satisfied in him. This is the motor that drives my ministry as a pastor. It affects everything I do.

Whether I eat or drink or preach or counsel or whatever I do, my aim is to glorify God by the way I do it (1 Cor. 10:31). Which means my aim is to do it in way that shows how the glory of God has satisfied the longings of my heart. If my preaching betrayed that God had not even met my own needs, it would be a fraud. If Christ is not the satisfaction of my heart, would people really believe me when I herald his words, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst" (John 6:35)?

The glory of bread is that it satisfies. The glory of living water is that it quenches thirst. We do not honor the refreshing, self-replenishing, pure water of a mountain spring by lugging buckets of water up the path to make our contributions from the ponds below. We honor the spring by feeling thirsty, and getting down on our knees, and drinking with joy. Then we say, "Ahhhh!" (that's worship!); and we go on our journey in the strength of the fountain (that's service). The mountain spring is glorified most when we are most satisfied with its water.

Tragically most of us have been taught that duty, not delight, is the way to glorify God. But we have not been taught that delight in God is our duty! Being satisfied in God is not an optional add-on to the real stuff of Christian duty. It is the most basic demand of all. "Delight yourself

in the Lord" (Psalm 37:4) is not a suggestion but a command. So are: "Serve the Lord with gladness" (Psalm 100:2); and: "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Phil. 4:4). The burden of my ministry is to make plain to others that "The steadfast love [of the Lord] is better than life" (Psalm 63:3). And if it is better than life, it is better than all that life in this world

offers. This means that what satisfies is not the gifts of God, but the glory of God--the glory of his love, the glory of his power, the glory of his wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

This is why the Psalmist, Asaph, cried out, "Whom I have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever" (Psalm 73:25-26). Nothing on the earth--none of God's good gifts of creation--could satisfy Asaph's heart. Only God could. This is what David meant when he said to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you" (Psalm 16:2).

David and Asaph teach us by their own God-centered longings that God's gifts of health, wealth and prosperity do not satisfy. Only God does. It would be presumptuous not to thank him for his gifts ("Forget not all his benefits," Psalm 103:2); but it would be idolatry to call the gladness we get from them, love for God. When David said to the Lord: "In your presence there is fullness of joy, in your right hand are pleasures for evermore," (Psalm 16:11), he meant that nearness to God himself is the only all-satisfying experience of the universe.

It is not for God's gifts that David yearns like a heartsick lover. "As a deer longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for you, O God, for the living God" (Psalm 42:1-2). What David wants to experience is a revelation of the power and the glory of God: "O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where no water is. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory" (Psalm 63:1-2). Only God will satisfy a heart like David's. And David was a man after God's own heart. That's the way we were created to be.

This is the essence of what it means to love God—to be satisfied in him. In him! Loving God will include obeying all his commands; it will include believing all his word; it will include thanking him for all his gifts; but the essence of loving God is enjoying all he is. And it is this enjoyment of God that glorifies his worth most fully.

We all know this intuitively as well as from Scripture. Do we feel most honored by the love of those who serve us

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C.A.S.A. Hosts First Cursillo Event



Friday, April 7 was a day we have all been waiting for, our first Cursillo event in our new home. The upcoming men's team from SF/SM held their overnight meeting at the St. Anne's of the Sunset convent.

Victor Power, rector, had the honor of being the first rector to

hold a cursillo team event in this new Cursillo facility, and it was a great one.

The event was blessed by a visit from the Marin Secretariat, who serenaded us with several songs and increased the spirit of love and community that C.A.S.A. can provide.

Food was provided by our sister team, "Peace, Hope & Joy" and was a wonderful gift of love.

A few things that needed attention



were found, but none of them were significant. The overnight went on without a hitch.

Victor would like to thank all those who contributed to the great success of this overnight and wishes all of you God's

love, peace and joy as we begin this new Cursillo chapter together.



SM/SM Cursillo Upcoming Weekends

Date	Time	Event	Location
18 May 2006	7:30 pm	"Open Your Heart" - Victor Power	St. Anne's of the Sunset – San Francisco
1 Jun 2006	7:30 pm	"Peace, Love & Joy" - Trudy Guella	St. Anne's of the Sunset – San Francisco
7 Sep 2006	7:30 pm	"Bearers of the Light" - Ron McNaughton	St. Anne's of the Sunset – San Francisco
21 Sep 2006	7:30 pm	"Have Hope and Believe" - Sue McNaughton	St. Anne's of the Sunset – San Francisco

Welcome Our New Cursillistas

*"Your Spirit O God Is
Upon Me"*

"Lean On Me"

John Barrows	Mary Kate Alexander
Hank Bineault	Joanne Cacicedo
Pete Ellis	Mary Lee Dodd
Frank Erbacher	Barbara Erbacher
Marc Fariss	Gloria Escalona
Geo Forni	Jennifer Figueira
Eron Garcia	Teresa Hoskins
Porfie Grijalva	Linda Hurst
Eric Herrera	Carlota Lacey
Mark Hurst	Judy Laxen
Joe Lazzara	Genie Lorenz
Randy Lewis	Denise May
Gregory Marks	Renee` Ortega
Mike Marty	Karena Pardi
Robert O'Rorke	Carolina Perez
Granville Queen	La'nette Perry
Andy Quiles	Megan Reis
Sean Reis	Jamie Taylor
Francisco Remedios	Josephine Xavier
James Robbenolt	Paula Zimmerman
Richard Vigil	
Ed Xavier	



DE COLORES!

KAIROS CORNER

KAIROS at San Quentin

Please contact Jim Ryan at (800) 281-8184 for information on the next KAIROS team.

KAIROS OUTSIDE

Kairos Outside is a special weekend for those whose loved ones are in prison. For more information on how you can help, if you are interested in sponsorship or you would like to make a donation to this great cause, please call Jim Ryan .

MONTHLY REUNIONS

Held at San Quentin on the 3rd Monday of each month. You must be a Cursillista and sign-up at least 60 days in advance. Call Jim Ryan for information on any of these Kairos events.

TAIZE SERVICES

Taize Prayer around the Cross

(every month on the third Friday at 8PM)

The Chapel at Woodside Priory

302 Portola Road

Portola Valley

Directions to the priory: Take 280 to Alpine Road. Exit onto Alpine Road (West) 3 miles after leaving 280 (at the stop sign) Turn right on to Portola Road 0.5 miles on the right — turn into the Priory. The Chapel is to the left at the top of the stairs.

Please contact Robin Fife at 650-345-3345 or robinfife@aol.com for more details.

Services are held on the third Friday of every month and are a beautiful combination of music, prayer and meditation.

Taize web site: www.taize.fr



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Visit us at: <http://www.sfbags.org>

The Small Tree

I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit and his ancient one ton truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

Rooster Boosters

Rooster Boosters has now become the official non-profit organization for Cursillo in the Bay Area. We are the legal representative to both the Archdiocese and the Episcopal Diocese of California.

If you would like more information on how you can help, please contact Ron McNaughton at info@sfbarb.org or visit our website at www.sfbarb.org.

Membership is only \$10/month and includes a printed copy of the "Canta el Gallo" newsletter as well as a very nice embroidered patch.

Our address is Bay Area Rooster Boosters
PO Box 5381 So San Francisco, CA 94083

Visit us at: <http://www.sfbarb.org>

Loving God for Who He Is: (continued)

from the constraints of duty, or from the delights of fellowship? My wife is most honored when I say, "It makes me happy to spend time with you." My happiness is the echo of her excellence. And so it is with God. He is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him.

None of us has arrived at perfect satisfaction in God. I grieve often over the murmuring of my heart at the loss of worldly comforts. But I have tasted that the Lord is good. By God's grace I now know the fountain of everlasting joy. And so I love to spend my days luring people into joy until they say with me, "One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord,



When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home, and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again." "Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

News from C.A.S.A.

Once again, thanks to all those who have and are contributing so much of their time, treasure and talent. We pray God's light shine upon each and every one.

Progress is being made to bring us closer to having a permanent home in the C.A.S.A. (Cursillo at St. Anne's). We rejoice in the newly signed lease; we have an initial nine years to make the convent a true home and Cursillo center, and God willing we will continue to renew the lease in nine year increments, and bring the Lord to many and all who come to us.

Insurance will be in place as the lease begins on April 1, 2006. There have been many meetings and work groups at St. Anne's. Our first overnight stay is Victor Power's team for their team overnight. Please pray for Victor and Trudy and all the teams in formation.

Our belongings, and other items donated from the Archdiocese, were moved from St. Joseph's on January 21 and 28th. Additional donations are coming in from East Bay Anglican, Kairos Outside and other communities. Thanks to all. Items in the San Rafael locker have been inventoried and will be moved down after the final Cursillo weekend at SFTS.

On March 11th, 18th, and 25th the CASA Vision Committee and volunteer work groups are doing inventory, cleaning and lining shelves, stocking the dishes and such, and making room for the new beds. Yes, that's right – 60 new bed sets with mattress, frame, and box springs – all brand new for our new home. Thanks to all.

If you have not yet joined the fun, call Sue McNaughton (650-871-8872) and she will gladly give you an assignment.

The CASA Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 22 at the CASA. Pray for them as they sort through annual expenses and history invoices, and make some important decisions for our cost schedule.

All roads to our dream must progress in equal pace. Volunteers are needed to help with setup and team needs. Donations of good working kitchen items will be welcome. There will be a published wish list on the website soon. However, the pot in the bank, gratefully over the \$90,000 mark, will be depleted with the initial expenses of architect, contractor, fire safety, beds and such. Please – please continue your monthly pledges, and make good on your pledge payments which you perhaps have forgotten. We are called to join together in unity for God's work. It is also possible to have donations made by credit card, or to set up direct deposit for a one time donation, or monthly pledge payments. We can arrange whatever is best for you.

The pledge form is on the website. Checks are payable to Bay Area Rooster Boosters dba Cursillo Building Fund. Send forms and/or checks to Bryan Kelley (General Treasurer), 3876 – 18th St., #104, San Francisco, 94114.

Thank you. This would not be happening but for all and each of you. Please continue to pray – pray hard. And join us – many hands will make the work lighter. Come – come to C.A.S.A. The light is on.

Barbara Turner

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Get Some "Insider Information" About Cursillo Weekends!

How did the Cursillo Movement get started? How did the team manage to organize and put on your Cursillo weekend? Are all Cursillo weekends the same? What qualifications do you need to serve in the various roles on a Cursillo team? How much time and energy does it really take?

If you have been wondering about any of these things, then I want you to know that there is a place to get all of your questions answered! Mark your calendar for Friday, July 21-Sunday, July 23, 2006 and join us for the Co-ed Cursillo Leadership Workshop. That's the place for questions, answers, prayer, worship, friendship, song and lots of fun. We will be holding the weekend at our new Cursillo home – St. Anne's Convent in San Francisco – so it's your chance to experience the new place first-hand, and that way you'll be able to answer the questions of all the people that you are going to sponsor in the future. For yourself, this weekend workshop will fill in the information gaps about the Cursillo movement in the Bay Area. You will hear a series of talks to help you understand the history and philosophy of the Cursillo movement, as well as talks that will tell you about the role of Table Leaders, Cooks, Head Cooks, Music Directors, how to budget for a Cursillo weekend, etc. etc.

If you have previously served on a team, but now have been asked (or are hoping to be asked) to serve on the Core team, or if you think that you would eventually like to be a Rector or Rectora, then this workshop is for you as well. I guarantee that you will leave the workshop with valuable information and plenty to think about along the road of service that is a Cursillo team.

So sign up now and mark the dates on your calendar – the Leadership Workshop Team is in formation, we already have three "candidates" and we are definitely hoping to meet YOU at the workshop! This weekend is co-ed, you'll meet lots of new people who are involved with Cursillo, and there will definitely be lots of fun. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call or send an email. July 21-23 is the time. St. Anne's (CASA) is the place. And YOU are the person we want to meet! See you there.

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UPCOMING SF/SM CURSILLO TEAMS

MEN'S TEAM "Open Your Heart" May 18-23, 2006		WOMEN'S TEAM "Peace, Love & Joy" Jun 1-4, 2006		MEN'S TEAM "Bearers of the Light" Sep 7-10, 2006		WOMEN'S TEAM "Have Hope & Believe" Sep 21-24, 2006	
<i>Victor Power</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>Trudy Guella</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>Ron McNaughton</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>Sue McNaughton</i>	<i>R</i>
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Jim Shinnick		Maria Elena Munoz				Danielle Shinnick	
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Bob Wright		Maggi Thomas					
		Barbara Turner					
		Isabel Vera					
		Terry Webb					
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TEAM LEGEND

R Rector/a	HC Head Cook	M MOSSAF
AR Asst. Rector/a	AHC Asst. Head Cook	AM Asst. MOSSAF
SD Spiritual Dir.	MD Music Director	PA Palanca Angel
ASD Asst. Spirit Dir.	AMD Asst. Music Dir.	SA Special Asst.



"When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice."

Cherokee Expression

HOT LINKS

??? DID YOU KNOW ???

<http://shalomplace.com/index.html>
<http://www.worship.ca/sec6.html>
http://www.stjohnadulted.org/spir_1.htm
<http://www.centeringprayer.com/heart/heart02.htm>

For the overall population, the life-expectancy gap between those who attend church more than once a week and those who never attend is more than seven years, favoring those who attend (the Population Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin).

Of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 27 had Bible seminary degrees.

During the 6th Century, it was customary to congratulate people who sneezed because it was thought that they were expelling evil from their bodies. During the great plague of Europe, the Pope passed a law to say "God bless you" to one who sneezed.

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Notable Quotes

"There are times when we must sink to the bottom of our misery to understand truth, just as we must descend to the bottom of a well to see the stars in broad daylight." --*Vaclav Havel*