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the Cruciform life

FIRST CORINTHIANS

Reflections

My drive in life comes from a fear of being mediocre. That is always pushing me. I push past one spell of it and discover myself as a special human being, but then I feel I am still mediocre and uninteresting unless I do something else. Because even though I have become somebody, I still have to prove that I am somebody. My struggle has never ended, and I guess it never will.

- Madonna, *Vogue Magazine*

Envy consists in seeing things never in themselves, but only in their relations. If you desire glory, you may envy Napoleon, but Napoleon envied Caesar, Caesar envied Alexander, and Alexander, I daresay, envied Hercules, who never existed.

- Bertrand Russell

'Vase of Flowers' by Jan van Huysum, 1722; Oil on panel

'Cruciform' logo by Jesse Wu

Scripture

1 Corinthians 3:21-4:7

²¹ So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, ²³ and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

¹ This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

² Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. ³ But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself.

⁴ For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵ Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

⁶ I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. ⁷ For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

Sermon

the Cruciform life: The Gift of Self-Forgetfulness

Rankin Wilbourne

Events & News

Community Group New Leader Training, October 28

Many people in our church want to join a community group, but we need dozens more leaders and hosts to accommodate them. Particularly in Downtown/Koreatown, where our CG's are growing at a rapid pace, and in Santa Monica, where multiple families are looking to join a group.

Do you feel like it's time to consider leading or hosting a Community Group? Is God calling you to serve your local community? If so, join us for breakfast and learn what leading or hosting requires. You can sign up right outside the service at the CG tent or on the website.

Pre-Marriage Seminar, November 11

Are you engaged or considering marriage? Are you newly married with a desire to have a godly marriage? This seminar offers practical information on how to build a healthy marriage. Topics include the Biblical institution of marriage, communication, conflict resolution, sex, and finances.

View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, on our website PacificCrossroads.org/Events, or speak with someone at the 'New Here?' tent.

Ministry Resources

Pastoral Care

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Celebrate Recovery

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives. Visit PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery.