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CHURCH

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# PRESENCE



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# Reflections

“Do not desire to be strong, powerful, honored, and respected, but let God alone be your strength, your fame, and your honor.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“What makes the temptation of power so seemingly irresistible? Maybe it is that power offers an easy substitute for the hard task of love. It seems easier to be God than to love God, easier to control people than to love people, easier to own life than to love life.”

Henri Nouwen

“That the zeal for God’s honor is also a dangerous passion, that the Christian must bring with him the courage to swim against the tide instead of with it . . . and accept a good deal of loneliness, will perhaps be nowhere so clear and palpable as in the church, where he would so much like things to be different. Yet he cannot and he will not refuse to take this risk and pay this price . . .”

Karl Barth

“Indeed, the one who was from the beginning with God and who was God revealed himself as a small, helpless child; as a refugee in Egypt; as an obedient adolescent and inconspicuous adult; as a penitent disciple of the Baptizer; as a preacher from Galilee, followed by some simple fishermen; as a man who ate with sinners and talked with strangers; as an outcast, a criminal, a threat to his people. He moved from power to powerlessness, from greatness to smallness, from success to failure, from strength to weakness, from glory to ignominy. The whole life of Jesus of Nazareth was a life in which all upward mobility was resisted.”

Henri Nouwen

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# Scripture

1 Peter 5:1-7

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: <sup>2</sup> shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; <sup>3</sup> not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. <sup>5</sup> Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

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# Sermon

*Power and Posture Among God's People*

Rankin Wilbourne

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## Events & News

### **Orphan Care Class, May 28 – June 18**

Learn the “why” and “how” to get involved with children in foster care. This class draws from scripture-based curriculum that is focused on the need for homes, mentors and volunteers for children who are in foster care.

If you missed today’s class, please join us next Sunday morning, June 4, 9:00 AM, at Santa Monica High School.

### **Community Group Fair, June 11**

Get to know people from Community Groups that meet near your home or workplace. Community Groups are one of the best ways to connect with others and experience everything we talk, pray, and sing about on Sundays.

View all events on our app, at [PacificCrossroads.org/Events](https://PacificCrossroads.org/Events), or in our events brochure available at the Connect Center.

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## Ministry Resources

### **Pastoral Care**

Our pastoral care team is here to care for you if you are in a difficult place. Email [pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org](mailto:pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org) or call our office at 310.551.0081.

### **Celebrate Recovery**

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God’s healing power in our lives. Visit [PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery](https://PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery).

### **Community Groups**

Community Groups meet all around LA to know and care for one another and grow as follower of Jesus. Learn more and sign up for a CG in your neighborhood at [PacificCrossroads.org/Community](https://PacificCrossroads.org/Community)