

A Friday Night in the Promise Land

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A Honeymoon with Jesus

Bourbon Street Bewilderment

The Great Shift

the Realization that Jesus is the Great Opportunity and not the Great Obligation

The Seismic Impact of Love

Serving no Longer as a Chore but as an Act of Love

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We are grieved by many trials (1 Peter 1:6-8); we are reviled, persecuted, and falsely accused (Matthew 5:11-12); we are partakers of Christ's sufferings (1 Peter 4:12-13); we enduring tribulations (2 Corinthians 7:4); and face trials and testings (James 1:2-4)

And yet . . .

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The First Kiss

Relinquishing the Temporal Pleasures of this World, for the Lasting Euphorias of Christ's Presence

(paraphrased) The American Church has turned to a counterfeit pleasure, a counterfeit peace, and a counterfeit joy. Instead of finding the fullness of joy in the Presence of God and pleasures forevermore at our Lord's right hand, we have sought it in Hollywood and in professional sports.

Leonard Ravenhill

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The World Series of Pleasure

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Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that does the will of God abides for ever.

1 John 2:15-17

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour:

1 Peter 5:8

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Matthew 26:41

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