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God's Will Verses My Will Time to Get Serious (Part VI)

We will choose what we love. Only if we can truly say that we love God will be able to choose Him and His will freely.
February 2011 Saints Alive

*"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. **Amos 5:21***

*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. **Psalm 51:17***

*Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." **Psalm 40:7-8***

Lent has come and gone. So has Easter. Were they simply "dates" on the calendar, our "burnt offering?" or was there substance behind them? Maybe the way to understand this question is to ask it as follows: are we different? Have we grown in our faith, in our commitment, in our heart towards God?

Have we sought Him in a new way? Did we hear His story anew and did His Love for us have impact upon us? Did you experience His love? Do we understand the price by which we were purchased and did it move us? Are you different?

Our life is meant to be a journey in Christ. We enter into The Kingdom as babes, but Scripture makes clear we are to mature, grow-up, in Him. Do we have any interest in growing up, or are we content to stay as we are?

Are we content to let Him do "all the work" while we take for granted our salvation? Do we work out our salvation with fear and trembling?

Are we His disciple, seeking to be taught at His feet? Do we desire to follow Him when He says "follow me?" Do we have ears to hear, or have we closed them so as not to be bothered? What's the condition of our heart with respect to God? We **have** heard, haven't we - "where our heart is...?"

Have we confronted who's dying in "my" place (if someone else is indeed dying in my place)? Do you have anything to say to that person? Anything you want to give? Your deepest thanks? Your deepest love? Your life...? Anything to say to the one who loved you so much He died your death?

Do we take His death for granted? Do you know what it means to be pluck from a fire? Have you contemplated what could have been (assuming it's "not still")? Do we experienced the joy and freedom of being set free from the burial cloths?

Is this just religion? Did God act out of religion? What did God act out of? What do we act out of?

Can He ask for more than you are willing to give?

Suppose He asked for your heart? Will you give it? Suppose He said He wanted you to make Him most important? Would you? Suppose He said love is the most important response of all? Would that bring you joy or would it trouble you?

In answering all these questions, would our heart betray the words of our lips? No, let's make this personal for each of us - would my heart betray the words of my lips?

You see, we were "purchased" at great price. The death of Jesus was not some sort of Hallmark event, it was THE most horrific moment of all, all on account of the sin of each of us.

Jesus, in the garden, offered to God to take "the cup away." But He also offered "not my will, but your will be

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done.”

Are we moved by the heart of Jesus who endured for us to the end, in His Father’s will? Do we understand that Jesus was acting on the will of His Father? Are we moved to question our choices; my will verses God’s will?

Was Lent and Easter real, or just ceremony? Was it your “burnt offering” or are you different now?

Are you now willing to consider how it is we make choices? Are you willing to consider what God wants from you?

Are you willing to try and model the life of Christ?

Something to think about? Surely. Will you?....

It was an awesome Easter. Incredible really. Are you ready to make it “more?” Are you willing to take an incredible journey with Jesus?

As I’ve stated many times - our choices matter. Our choice here matters.

Not my will Father, but your will be done.

Here’s to an ever increasing life in Christ.

David

Book Reviews by Karen Rucker

Respectable Sins: Confronting The Sins We Tolerate. By Jerry Bridges. Nonfiction. Do you try hard to live for God, to be the best Christian you can be? Do you want to be pleasing to God? Then you’ve got to read this book. It is so easy to focus on the “major sins” we see around us such as stealing, adultery, deception, murder, etc. I mean, those are the sins that really count, right? Sorry, but the Bible says sin is sin. We are to be separated and set apart by God for God. Paul says in 1 Corinthians “You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.” We must know and understand our sin if we are to ask God to help us change. You can’t read this without coming to grips with the log in your own eye..... In my copy every page is underlined and marked! This is not a condemning book but one that offers “hope in the profound mercy of the gospel and the transforming grace of God as the means to overcome our subtle sins.” Here are some of the chapter topics: Ungodliness, Anxiety and Frustration, Discontentment, Unthankfulness, Lack of Self Control, Worldliness, Impatience and Irritability (wow), Judgmentalism, Sins of the Tongue, and The Seeds of Anger to mention just a few. When I read this God was definitely confronting me with my sinfulness. The book was very helpful in showing me the “malignancy of sin” and how to deal with it. I really liked it because it helps keep me out of trouble!

Dr. Jerry Bridges is a well known Presbyterian author and on staff the Navigators’ collegiate ministry. The faculty at Trinity Christian School (Jason’s school) studied this book for an in-service day.

In a Heartbeat: Sharing the Power of Cheerful Giving. By Leigh Anne and Sean Tuohy with Sally Jenkins. Nonfiction. Written by the couple featured in the movie **The Blind Side** it details the back story and the story from their perspective of the adoptive family of Michael Oher. Michael Oher was homeless and with this family’s help began a transformation which resulted in an educated, articulate pro football player. It was interesting to see the ‘real’ story behind the Hollywood version and moving to see the life long commitment this family has made to helping others. Some chapters are written by the Tuohy children, Michael Oher, and even Oscar winning actress Sandra Bullock. I also read the book The Blind Side and the Touhy’s book was definitely more interesting and gave more personal details. Not a great book but worth reading if you want the real story. And no, Leah Anne does not dress in real life as she was portrayed in the movie (what a relief).

Still Alice. by Lisa Genova. Fiction. An award winning New York Times Bestseller written by an author with a Ph.D. in neuroscience from Harvard who is also an online columnist for the National Alzheimer’s Association. This is the story of an accomplished cognitive psychology professor at Harvard who develops early onset Alzheimers at age 50. Told from the perspective of the person with the disease it is a compelling read and I did not want to put it down. But it was also distressing to see how this woman’s life changed so dramatically in a short period of time. This is not a Christian book and it was sad to see how her husband reacted. They had no eternal perspective and did not engage God in the equation. I wouldn’t especially recommend this book (mainly because it does not help us in our faith walk and is not particularly edifying) however if you have someone close to you with this disease I think it gives important insights into how someone may experience Alzheimer’s Disease and how one can be supportive as a family member.

All Saints Prayer List

July-August 2011

Parish Prayers: Matthew Alcorn and family, Kathy Burger, Joanne Calderone, Mimi Tomaino, Kathy McMarlin and family, Barbara Slattery, Hazel Thomas, Dustin Witt, Mary Lou Renner, Bonnie Colaianne, Karen Rucker, Donna Violando, Floyd and Betty Tendick and family.

For Pat's discernment process, for Moses's discernment process, and for Carolyn during Candidacy.

For All Saints, for our being open to God's vision for us, and for our leaders.

For the Second Generation ministry.

For our African students: Margaret Kiconco, Kennedy Gondwe, and Emmanuel Mukeshimana.

Mission in Africa: Gisele Umutoni, Arelene Brown's Ministry

Friends of the Parish: Frank Lusi, Kathy Lockhart, Jack Miller, Linda Specht, Rachael Sensabaugh and child, Connor and Family, Trish, Marion, Bernie and Rose.

Armed Services: Pray for the safety of those in the armed services and the peace of mind of their families, especially those known by this congregation: Jason Biehl, Paul Burger, Dustin Churchel, Anthony Lusi, Marcus Levering, Jeff Muir.

Peace: Pray for an end to violence and for peace in our communities.

Friends of the parish will be listed for 1 month. If you would like to add a name, remove a name, or have a name stay on the prayer list longer than 1 month, please contact Pat Serafini at 412-247-0617 or serafinip@yahoo.com

**Contributed by Karen Rucker
from a devotional by J.I. Packer.**

Our thorns.

*"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed."
2 Corinthians 4-8-9.*

Some Christians today live with epilepsy, homosexual cravings, ulcers, and cyclical depressions. Indeed, Philip Hughes is surely correct when he writes: "Is there a single servant of Christ who cannot point to some thorn in the flesh, visible or private, physical or psychological, from which he has prayed to be released, but which has been given him by God to keep him humble and therefore fruitful?...Paul's thorn in the flesh is, by its very lack of definition, a type of every Christian's thorn in the flesh."

The fact is that, now as then, God uses chronic pain and weakness, along with other sorts of affliction, as his chisel for sculpting our souls. Weakness deepens dependence on Christ for strength each day. The weaker we feel, the harder we lean. And the harder we lean, the stronger we grow spiritually, even while our bodies waste away.

Living with your complaint uncomplainingly and remaining kind, patient, and free in heart to love and help others, even though every day you feel less than good, is true sanctification. It is true healing for the spirit. It is a supreme victory of grace in your life.

Am I/Is my church expecting too much or too little from God as far as present physical healing is concerned? What can be done about it? *Lord, show those who lead and teach us what aspect of your truth we need to be assimilating now - whether it's because you do not ask, "or "My grace is sufficient for you" (James 4:2; 2 Cor. 12:0).*

J.I. Packer

From The Editor and Verger

I first would like to thank everyone for your understanding and patience with not having a newsletter for May and June. It is my hope now to get us back on track and have a regular newsletter on a monthly basis, except for this one, because July and August is always a single issue. What I really want to write about in this article is one simple word "Faith". Most of you are aware of what Bonnie and I have been facing since October of last year. First I lost my job and spent many months sending resumes and trying to find a job. I then took a job working night stock at the Target store in Harmar and I found a group of people

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Deadline for the September issue is August 15, 2011, please email information to John Colaianne at jjcdemolay@comcast.net.

Who is Mama Arlene?

Arlene Brown, at the age of 80, is a real woman of strength. After her retirement from industry she served in her Pennsylvania hometown-- as honorary chairwoman of the Crop Walk, as a tutor in her neighborhood school, and even worked with women in prison. Typical of many women of her generation, she raised a family of five and went to work only when her first born needed tuition for college. She is a woman who exemplifies compassion and virtue.



Then, on January 17, 2002, this strong woman found herself less than one-half mile away from erupting Mount Nyiragongo, in the Congo. She was sent running for her life along with over 400,000 Rwandans. What was this grandmother from the Mountains of Pennsylvania doing in Africa? She was returning to Gisenyi, Rwanda to work with refugees.

It was her second mission to Africa. After she retired she traveled as a volunteer to work at the Children's Village of war-torn Rwanda and Zaire. She, along with the Red Cross and other relief organizations, were evacuated with the escalation of the war. Then in 2002 she sold everything she had and returned to work with non-profits to care for orphaned children who had recently returned to their native country in the aftermath of the genocide.

Since her initial work in Goma, Zaire, in 1996, she has been an outspoken advocate for Rwandan children. She has a rightful passion for the children and will talk to anyone who will listen. She has a strong resolve to make a difference in the lives of these motherless children. "My mission, with the help of innumerable others, is to inspire the next generation of Rwandan leaders by placing these children in family homes where love, care, spiritual discipleship and physical needs are provided until each child is mature enough to live independently. Our goal is to equip these precious children with moral standards and life skills enabling them to make a significant and lasting impact on the future of our country and for the kingdom of God. We want each child to become the unique individual God called him or her to be."

- Mama Arlene

Share my afternoon with me. The little girls Annah, Aline, Aline Molly and Netete had scheduled a tea party with me as soon as worship was over. I agreed and set 4 o'clock for the tea party. Sounds very uncomplicated. Right?! Wrong!

At exactly four o'clock Emmy had a meeting in my front room with the surveyors who are helping estimate the costs of our water project - now this is a very important meeting. Then the little girls also arrived on time - they are learning American time. That means being on time with the clock. African time says if you are an hour late that is still on time. This doesn't work for me and the kids know I mean American time. So the girls gathered on my back porch, marched into my bedroom where I sat on the bed listening to my audio book and announced "Tea Party" "Ok" I said, "but we have to wait till Emmy finishes his meeting". They agreed and went out the back door just as a severe rain storm hit. The rain was frightening. With squeals of fright they came tearing back into my bed room and up on the bed. I felt like Maria in The Sound Of Music as the kids bundled under my covers holding on to me and each other and such giggling and laughing and jostling for position you can only imagine. There was even some singing. This went on for about an hour and much to my surprise things slowly got very quiet. You guessed. Four little girl were fast asleep.

It's 5:30pm and the meeting is still going on. My girls are still sleeping and I am listening to the rain on the tin roof and enjoying my book while I watch my sleeping beauties, Life can't get much better.

From Arlene (Mama) Brown
Urukunda, Rwanda
April 5, 2011

This is a child in Rwanda that we have sponsored (as a church).

Gisele Umutino is at Arlene Brown's school for orphans. She is 14 years old.

I picked her because her youth has been so traumatic and emails from us to Arlene to give to her would let her know that others (outside the school) are thinking of her and care about her. Maybe she could communicate with us through Arlene's Skype.



Gisele father was a soldier and was killed in the war. Gisele lived with her mother. Her mother died leaving her with a step father. Who also died

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leaving her with his sister who was no relation. She threw her out of her house. A neighbor took her in but could not keep her so she gave her to another woman whose husband was abusive and after abusing the little girl refused to allow her in his house. A sister from the Catholic church found her huddled in a corner by a gate and brought her to us. Gisele is a healthy, happy young girl.

Think of where she would be if Arlene had not been there to help her.

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who I truly enjoyed working with and it was very difficult to say goodbye when I got a contract job working in the Computer Field, which is what I am still doing. In February Bonnie was diagnosed with breast cancer. We have been dealing, or should I say she, has been dealing with radiation treatments, medications and all the things that go with the surgery and treatment for breast cancer. As I write this Bonnie will be completing her final radiation treatment. I say "Faith" because that is the only thing that has been getting us through these trying times. I am sure that I am not alone; I know that others in our parish family are facing similar situations and events. My Faith is what gets me from day to day and it is what now allows me to be able to get back to regularly publishing the newsletter. This issue is very large, containing information from past months as well as up and coming information and I hope that you will take the time to read it.

It is the faith and belief in the reality that Jesus gave his life for me and you that keeps me going. I am now working some part-time work and Bonnie is finishing up her radiation treatments, but will continue to be on medication for several years. I offer to you what has gotten me through these trying months: "Whatever it is, give it over to our Lord and Savior and let Him lead you." Listen to Him, believe in Him, have faith in Him and you will come through the storm. I feel sorry for those who don't know Jesus Christ and His love for us. That unconditional love that asks nothing in return other than that we believe in Him and give our lives over to Him.

John Colaianne



Kairos Outside

Sunday afternoon, June 26, Carolyn and I picked up three ladies that we had transported to this weekend function on Friday afternoon. These women, from the Wilkesburg and Penn Hills area were among 47 women who went to this Christian weekend retreat at Saint John's Monastery on the South Side slopes.

These women had the following in common; they had husbands, brothers, sons (and daughters) who are incarcerated at this time

When we picked them up, they did not have any idea what was going to happen on the retreat. A couple of our riders said that they would have cancelled and not gone if we had not been scheduled to take them.

Carolyn and I went back to pick them up and sat through a very moving and tear filled closing ceremony. The participants were invited to say a few words about their weekend experience. Over half took the opportunity, even some that were very shy.

Everyone who talked told of this being the most incredible weekend they ever had. They said that they were not just loved for who they were, but that Love just took over the entire event. They had time to talk in groups, they made bonnets, they ate far too much, but raved about the food. To a person, they said that all those who put on the event treated them as family and showed their love for them.

They said that they learned that they were not alone and what had happened in their lives was not their fault.

This again shows that there are those who are burdened and poor in spirit right under our noses and we can minister to those in need right here at home. Our transporting them was no chore, but a genuine blessing. If you want to get involved with Kairos Outside for the next retreat next year or want to minister to Kairos Inside, with ministry to those husbands, sons, etc. in prison, see me about who to contact.

One of the women, whose testimony was very tearful and moving, has a son who is Western Pennsylvania Penitentiary for a life sentence. She was one who almost did not go, but had a letter from her son at one of the events telling her that he was so sorry for what he did. He said that he did not deserve to be in a place like that, but his life choices had put him there. He urged all to tell their sons and daughters to take their actions seriously and not waste their lives.

Tom Nunnally

AUGUST 2011

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⁷ HE Rite II 10:00 a.m.	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m.	15 Newsletter Info. Deadline	16	17	18	19	20
21 Morning Prayer 10am Church Picnic– Boyce Park Cub Two Pavilion	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m.	29	30	31			

Changes

A few years ago we had the opportunity to visit the vineyards in the California wine country. As we approached one vineyard I noticed what appeared to be acres and acres of dead vines and began to wonder why we were even stopping to visit. As we continued up the drive to the main building I became curious as to the story behind this vineyard. When I questioned the owner he explained that he had pruned back all his vines in preparation for producing a new kind of grape. He didn't know what the outcome of this pruning would be but he had faith it would turn out well.

Recalling this trip made me think of the current situation we are facing at All Saints and the larger Anglican Church. Sometimes it is necessary to prune and cleanse. Indeed scripture points out the consequences to **not** doing this: "I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briars and thorns will grow there." (Isaiah 5:6) This is not an easy process and can be painful and unsettling but it is necessary nevertheless. How many of us have looked at a plant that we have pruned and found it almost unrecognizable, wondering if it will ever survive and let alone grow back only to find that it comes back more beautiful and fuller than ever.

And when we think about our church today as we go through this process of pruning and cleansing we wonder what the church will look like in the future; blossoming and putting forth shoots—not overcome with thorns and briars, but bearing not only more fruit but better fruit.

Like the owner of the vineyard we need to continue to go forth in faith as we continue to trust that God will guide us. "And the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit for **apart from me can do nothing.**" (John 15:4-5).

And the California vineyard we visited----as we were leaving, I noticed that green buds were beginning to appear on the vines.

Submitted by Carolyn Nunnally

Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>JULY</u>		<u>AUGUST</u>		<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	
7	Dave & Kathy Swan	12	John & Donna Violando	1	Jason Rucker
10	Pat Hamilton	14	Dina Tominello	2	Joey Arend
10	Judy Kennedy	18	Brian O'Donnell	7	Miranda Miller
11	Walter Eyrich	20	Miya Tominello	11	Chris Swan
12	Gerry & Carole Gagliano	21	Beth Muri	14	Abby Young
12	Tom Harman	21	Alexa Tominello	18	Kelsey Kennedy
15	Kathy Vogtsberger	21	Bob Whiteacre III	21	Kathleen McMarlin
18	Anthony Tominello, Jr.	24	Heidi Young	24	Sara Colaianne
18	Dick & Pat Hamilton	28	Randy & Sarah Sanders	27	Don Arend
19	Kathy Thompson	29	Gordie Isherwood Jr.		
21	Don & Kim Arend	29	Stacey Isherwood		
30	Jenny Burger	30	Karen Rucker		

Are you missing from our list, Please let
Donna Violando know. Thanks

Important Dates

Second Generations Cookout—July 8th

Women Alive Retreat—July 29 & 30

Seed of Hope Dinner—July 30th

Holy Eucharist Rite II—August 7th

Newsletter Deadline August 15th

Church Picnic, Boyce Park—August 21st

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Holy Eucharist Rite II

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