

LOJC FEAST IN THE WEST REMINDERS:

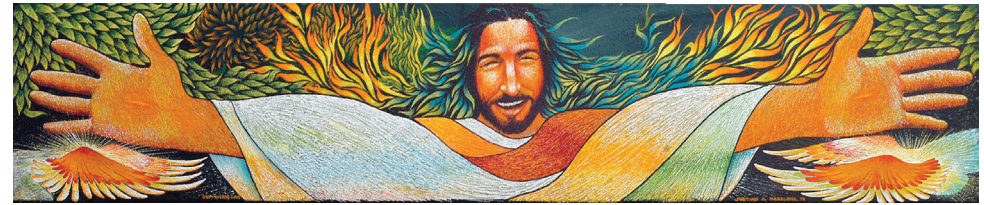
- FEB 26 & 27.....SERVING IN THE LIGHT SEMINAR (CLASS 300)**
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(OPEN TO ALL WHO HAVE TAKEN THE CLASS 200)
- MAR 5, 2011.....FEAST**
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.
- MAR 19, 2011.....FEAST**
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.
- APR 2, 2011.....FEAST**
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.
- APR 9, 2011.....FEAST**
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.
- APR 16, 2011.....COMMUNITY-WIDE LENTEN RETREAT.**
VENUE AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED.
- APR 30-MAY 1, 2011.....LIVE-IN MARRIAGE DEEPENING RETREAT (MDR),**
LA CONSOLATA
- May 7, 2011.....FEAST**
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.
- May 14, 2011.....FEAST (MAY 23 IS VICTORIA DAY)**
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.
- May 28 & 29.....LIVING IN THE LIGHT SEMINAR (CLASS 100),**
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Feb 5 Feast Prophecies:

Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt"

"My children, your actions and words are paintbrushes, your life is the canvas. Each day you are painting the image of Me. People around you will look upon Me and know Me and are looking at you. Don't worry my child, you can erase any mistake on the canvas."



SERIES: WIRED TALK # 1: SELFLESSNESS

Series' Big Message:
Life Champions Know It's All About Connections

Connections Are Created By Character

Do you want to be happy? Then *Focus on connections*. Focus on relationships, not things. Focus on people, not money.

In the next 4 Feasts, we will be talking about how we can have strong connections with or being "Wired" to God, to others and to ourselves.

Connections can only be created by Character. Character meaning a person who follows God's old-fashioned values. Here are 4 powerful values that will bless our connections—and our entire life. These are: **Selflessness;** **Kindness;** **Humility and Faithfulness** and these are our topics in the next 4 Feasts.

Here are three bible passages on **Selflessness:**

1. Philippians 2:4: ***And look out for one another's interests, not just for your own. God is selfless.*** On the Cross of Calvary, God didn't look at his own interests! This is true until now. Every single moment of our lives, God doesn't think of Himself. He thinks of you and me. His mind is consumed of thinking of ways how to bless us, anoint us, equip us, encourage us, enlarge our territories, and commission us. We're the apple of His eye. Our name is written in the palm of His hand. I repeat: God is selfless. Today, we want God to teach us how to be selfless.

2. Mark 9:34: ***If you want to be great, learn to be the servant of all. God is great.*** Some people say that God is great because He is omnipotent (all powerful), omniscient (all knowing), and omnipresent (He is everywhere), but if you ask God, I believe He'll tell you that He's great because He is a servant. Yes, He is great because He is a servant. Everyday of our life, God is there, feeding us, protecting us, providing us, guiding us, teaching us, saving us... The King has become our slave! That is why God is great. Jesus said, "If you want to be great..." Do you find this statement amazing? Hey, it's not wrong to want to be great after all! It's not only *not* wrong, it's good to have holy ambition in one's soul.

That means he/she loves him/her self. And that's important because we cannot love anyone else if we don't love ourselves. Friend, selflessness doesn't mean we hate ourselves. Selflessness doesn't mean we don't esteem ourselves. Yes, it's good that one wants true greatness. But get ready to be shocked, because Jesus says the way to greatness is through service. The more people we serve, the greater we will be!

3. Galatians 6:2: **Help carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will obey the law of Christ.** Friend, let's not try to carry our burdens by ourselves. God is always there beside us. He will carry 99% of our burdens. So we can carry the 1% that needs to be carried. Believe me, it's the only way to carry a burden out of our house and out of our life. But that's not all. God wants us to learn from Him. He too wants us to help others carry their burdens. Sometimes, in our own burdens, we forget that the person beside us has burdens too. We're so focused on our own problems, we become insensitive to the problems of others. Let's give our burdens to God so that we can help carry the burdens of others. God wants us to be selfless. Selflessness means carrying each other's burdens. When we do this, we obey the Law of Christ.

The truth is, in our materialistic world today, no one wants to be Jesus—because He's not a Go-Getter. He's a *Go-Giver*. In other words, He's *selfless*. The selfish person trusts only himself. The selfish person is ruled by the spirit of fear.

But here's a spiritual principle we can take to the bank: **Real abundance can never be based on fear.** Never! Fear can only produce scarcity. It is selflessness that will produce abundance in your life. To be *selfless*, to be a *Go-Giver*, requires a profound, radical, deep trust in God. The selfless person doesn't seek for reward or even gratitude from the people he serves. Instead, the selfless person seeks his reward from God.

7 Practical Ways Of Being Selfless

Selflessness isn't a feeling. It is a habit. And like everything else, selflessness takes practice. Keep on acting selflessly and we'll become selfless! Here are 7 practical ways to become selfless:

1. When Eating...

When eating with family and friends, serve others their most preferred food, then take what is left. And you will be blessed.

2. When Giving Gifts...

When we give gifts and share our belongings to others, give the best that we can give. And we will be blessed.

3. When Speaking...

When we speak, see to it that what we say will encourage and not discourage. Honor those who are present and absent. Catch people doing what is right and praise them. If they need correction, say it with gentleness. And we will be blessed.

4. When Serving...

Do things for others without expecting anything in return; Always give our best service. And we will be blessed.

5. When Giving Money...

Let's always give our tithes to our spiritual family and our alms to the poor first, before spending for ourselves. And we will be blessed.

6. When Relating...

Treat each person—no matter who he/she is, no matter what his/her status in the community is—as a child of God, with love and dignity. And we will be blessed.

7. When Waking...

When we wake up each morning, pray, "Lord, help me make every person I meet experience Your Love through me today." And we will be blessed.

Make this the purpose of our life.

All things will pass away, St. Teresa of Avila says. **There's only one thing that no one in this world can take away from us: The love that we have given away.**

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. In the race called life, do I see myself betting on **Collections** or **Connections**? How?
2. Am I a Go-Getter or a Go-Giver? How can I become a more selfless person? (Refer to the 7 practical steps).