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This Week:

I am old enough to remember the Crystal Cathedral and it's pastor Henri Nouwen. I was young when it was on TV, but I still remember it. The picture above is from after Henri left and after it lost a bunch of money and was bankrupt and was bought by the catholic church.... They put an organ in it.

When I was in seminary, we read a few books by Henri Nouwen, and one of the quotes I have always held onto is this one "When a pastor preaches, all that should be in the pulpit is their naked self, and the gospel" He was not advocating disrobing while you preach... it is a metaphor :)

The idea is authenticity is the most effective witness to Jesus Christ... and authenticity in our time. Not just a presentation of the witness of disciples... not just, "ya know, peter believed in the resurrected Jesus"... but also, that I believe.

In my time in ministry when I see real discipleship and authentic discipleship that resists consuming church like it is a product, that invites community and that leads to life long Christians, it comes not just from knowing about Jesus, but an authentic witness to him in our time. Nouwen is right... preaching and church moves forward on the real lives of people and their authentic relationships with Jesus.

we will be reading this Sunday.

Find us online live at <https://www.youtube.com/stlawrencepresbyterian> at 10 am on Sunday or you can also watch the service afterwards in the archive.

Things to Know:

We are still collecting the special offering for the harvest bucks program, mark your envelope or make a note on your e-transfer if that is what you desire to donate too.

We are still worshiping over on our **Youtube**, <https://www.youtube.com/stlawrencepresbyterian>

On the page right now, you will find devotions from The Goor Family, Byron Kappes, George Larmond, and a bunch of others. You can also find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stlawrencepres/>

If you would like to give your offering to the church, please follow this link and it will help you do so, <https://www.stlawrencepc.ca/giving-volunteering>



Please Pray:

For Graeme and Marchia,
For Mac and Grace
For Theresa, Jennifer and Karen, as
they work as nurses
For Diane T.
For Joan and Jon
For Marion.
For Eula as she continues to recover
For Alison and Margot
For Paul and Sharon

Gratitude:

For our elders as they continue to
both deal with difficult in their lives
and as they guide our church.



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