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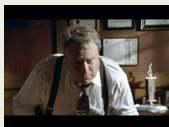
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The Soul Care Project Newsletter

What Is Your Heart Screaming?

Can You Relate?



Beyond its comical nature, which comes close to a good belly-laugh, this ad provides an accurate picture of the condition of most hearts. Gary Barkalow www.thenobleheart.com - recently shared this clip with the group at our last retreat. Gary is one of the many practitioners who we've invited to lead one of our facilitated retreats. These times give business and ministry leaders a safe place to rest, and to be part of a small community (usually 10 to 12) while experiencing time with God and transformation.

Individually - If you find your heart restless and in need of soul care and spiritual direction (you're not alone as we all find a need for this in our lives) we are available to connect you.

We can discuss some of the opportunities we're aware of and connect you with one of the many skilled practitioners that we know. Based on our experience, we can provide a few practitioners that lead this 1-on-1 time very well.

These practitioners are highly skilled with a gift of spiritual discernment and are regarded as the leading men and women in their profession.

Click [here](#) to learn more about our soul care intensives and ways to schedule time with one of these great practitioners. As well, you can leave a confidential email with Russell Courtney, Director of The Soul Care Project. russell.courtney@thesoulcareproject.org Russell, a practitioner himself, received a M.A. in Christian Formation & Soul Care from Denver Seminary.



New Beginnings



Greetings from The Soul Care Project, a ministry dedicated to providing leaders intentional space for rest and communion with Christ. Our desire is to give leaders a safe place

to experience the quiet assurance of God's love without becoming over-worked, exhausted, and burnt out. The majority of this vision is being accomplished by exposing leaders to the significance of spiritual formation and soul care and by providing retreats where leaders will have an opportunity to set aside the busy and productive life in order to hear God's voice through stillness. Not only is there evidence of God's revelation through stillness, but we are also seeing an added benefit when these retreats are happening within the context of community.

Either through mutual relationships, direct communication, or experiencing one of our retreats in the past year, you have been aware of the beginning work of our new ministry venture, The Soul Care Project. We wanted you to be the first to see and to know about "going live" with our new website <http://www.thesoulcareproject.org/>.

One of the great advantages in offering our new website is to provide the past, current, and upcoming retreats we have listed, which you will see by clicking [here](#). Our work (we have a tough time seeing it as that!) gives leaders exposure to the opportunities of experiencing time away for retreat. It also provides an awareness of our consulting service to those in need of spiritual direction and soul care. This medium (internet) does not take away our continued vision to see leaders experience time with God through stillness (ie - away from all the wired-up mayhem). Our desire is that through our facilitation, leaders are invited to rest in the Lord and participate in retreat and reflection.

Our project provides distinct opportunities we'll have as we discern the potential retreat settings for the future. Oftentimes, we'll organize a retreat in partnership with other organizations, which has been great. We've organized retreats alongside of Eastern University, Young Life, Training Ground, Generous Giving, Chattanooga Youth Network to name of few. If this prompts your interest for The Soul Care Project to

Upcoming Retreats

May 14-15, 2010

Caring For Your Soul: Retreat for Young Professionals (Lookout Mountain, GA)

Led by Russell Courtney, Director of The Soul Care Project

October 26-28, 2010

This private retreat will be hosted by Richmond Graduate University and the Soul Care Project.

Dr. Larry Crabb will facilitate a 48 hour retreat for local pastors.

facilitate a retreat in your area with you and a group, please contact us as we would be happy to help.

The Difficulty and How We Can Assist

As leaders, caring for our souls is difficult. Rightly so, we desire to serve God, and to serve Him with all of our heart, soul, and mind. But as the years accrue throughout our lives, we slowly become tired, and weary from such service. We even talk ourselves into thinking that if we take care of ourselves we somehow are selfish. It is because of this propensity and the sobering statistics that point towards the pitfalls of leaders in ministry and the marketplace, that we are providing leaders a place to be alone with God.

Through your prayers and advocacy of The Soul Care Project, we will be able to continue to provide this needed service to leaders. Whether you attend a retreat with The Soul Care Project or let others know about us, we are grateful for your support. Thank you for joining us as we journey with leaders to discover and recognize the voice of God through the still and quiet parts of life. We are far too familiar with the noise and active parts of life, but through your support and partnership we are able to provide leaders a safe place to commune with God.

If you have any questions or you are interested in how we may assist your organization, please feel free to contact us. We consider it a privilege to journey with you and others as we discern how we are to be ministered to, and how to care for our souls.

Thank you for standing with us as we fight for the hearts of leaders,

Dan Maclellan and Russell Courtney

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