



14th April 2019

PASSIONATELY PURSUE HOLINESS

A number of years ago I had the privilege of attending the SANFL Magarey Medal Presentation Dinner (how is a long story). I was awestruck as I sat down to dinner with South Australian football royalty! All the famous footballers were there and I had a great time. My highlight was after the dinner when I nervously approached Barrie Robran (3 time Magarey Medallist) to ask for an autograph. What amazed me was how he, a football star, was so friendly he was to me, a star-struck, nervous football nobody. For a brief moment he invited me into his life, chatted to me and signed my dinner menu.

Last Sunday we spoke about the Holiness of God. His holiness is not just the fact that He is perfect and sinless but that He is so infinitely high above us. He is not a 'god' that we make up in our mind to be how we want Him to be. He is *the* GOD of the universe who is so high above that He should be unapproachable. In fact we read how Isaiah saw a vision of God and trembled in fear that he was unworthy to even catch a glimpse of God's glory and holiness.

And yet...

Part of God's holiness is that fact that He invites us into a relationship with Him. He IS approachable. He desires intimacy with us not just worship from us.

When I was a young boy in primary school we were asked to do a report on one of our heroes. I chose Paul Bagshaw (another great football player). I even wrote a letter to him to ask a few questions. I was so surprised when he wrote back and gave me his phone number so we could talk! I was so scared that I didn't take up the invitation - I never called my hero even though he invited me in.

God is also inviting us into relationship with Him. He desires intimacy in our relationship with Him. He knows our hurts, our scars, our fears, our sins, our past, our problems and issues and He loves us anyway. And our relationship with Him and our love for Him grows and grows the more time we spend with Him.

For His Glory and our Joy!
Henry

CREATE - After School Activity Club
On Break for School Holidays

EASTER @ Playford UC

THE Passionate Pursuit

19th April @ 9.30am

Good Friday Service

Including Communion

Followed by Hot Cross Buns, BYO Picnic
& Kids Games in the Park

21st April @ 10am

Resurrection Sunday Service

Followed by
Easter Morning Tea

EASTER POP-UP CHOIR

If you are interested in joining a Choir
for Easter Sunday please contact Rachel
Riggs as soon as possible.

Rachel: 0423 442 389

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 14th April: Pete Riggs

THE Passionate Pursuit - Palm Sunday

Sunday 19th April: Henry Rouse

THE Passionate Pursuit - Good Friday

Sunday 21st April: Pete Riggs

THE Passionate Pursuit - Resurrection

Last Sundays' Message


By Henry Rouse

“[Passionately Pursue Holiness](http://playford.ucasa.org.au/podcasts/)” or go to <http://playford.ucasa.org.au/podcasts/>

We acknowledge that the land we meet on is the traditional lands for the Kurna people.

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