

Growing Edges

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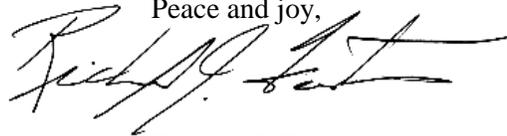
Corporate gatherings—like the experience we recently had in Houston—are enormously helpful to the ongoing work of renewal. It does several things at once. It puts us immediately in touch with the spiritual riches of a vastly larger community of faith than we can possibly experience from week to week. Sustained preaching and teaching on a single theme—for us the Sermon on the Mount—enlarges our understanding and impacts us in an altogether new way. Prayer experiences are so much more powerful than we normally experience because of the deep concentration of spiritual energies upon a single event. Hope rises up within us as we see the works of God performed while hearing the word of God preached, and this hope defeats the unbelief which we so easily pick up from the culture around us.

These experiences, however, are not just for the 2,000 plus who attended the Houston gathering from forty-four states and twelve countries. No, the spill-over is meant for each person who receives this newsletter and hence is part of our nurturing fellowship. The pages which follow will give you a glimpse of the tender experiences of Houston and the heart-warming feedback since. Be encouraged and strengthened by this small report.

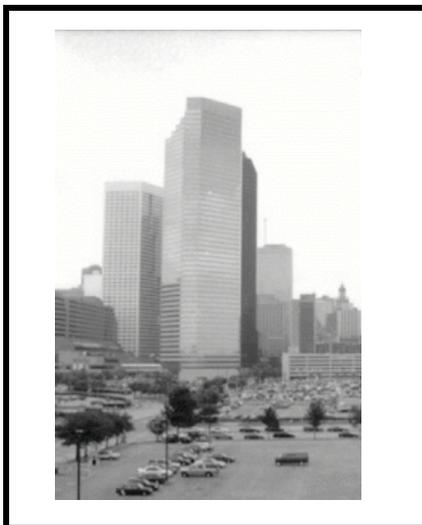
Also, the Conference audio tapes are the next best thing to actually being there. (And even if you were in Houston these tapes will help to solidify the teaching into your heart and mind.) Use the enclosed order form to purchase tapes directly from EGAMI A/V, the folks who did such an excellent job capturing the Conference experience for us on tape. They will be delighted to serve you.

I close with that great peon of praise first uttered by the Apostle Paul and which seems so very appropriate to our Houston experience: "O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!" (Romans 11:33).

Peace and joy,



Richard J. Foster



Downtown Houston



Shuttles waiting at the George R. Brown Convention Center

Going Places with RENOVARÉ

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Staff</i>	<i>Contact & Phone</i>
9/10/99- 9/12/99	Christian Spiritual Formation Leaders	Idaho Springs, CO	Richard Foster Lynda Graybeal	
9/24/99- 9/25/99	RENOVARÉ Regional Conference	First Baptist Church 901 Trinity Street Austin, TX 78701	Glandion Carney Richard Foster George Skramstad	Barbara Clarke— 512-443-0284
9/26/99	Preach at Sunday Worship	First Baptist Church (see address above) & St. David's Episcopal Church 304 East 7 th Austin, TX 78701	Glandion Carney Richard Foster	Ann Butterfield— 512-476-2625
10/8/99- 10/10/99	Focus on the Family Counseling Team	Estes Park, CO	Richard Foster	
10/15/99- 10/16/99	RENOVARÉ Regional Conference	Sonlight Community Church 8800 Bender Road Lynden, WA 98264	Richard Foster George Skramstad Siang-Yang Tan	Carolyn Wynstra— 360-354-5346
10/17/99	Preach at Sunday Worship	Sonlight Community Church 8800 Bender Road Lynden, WA 98264	Richard Foster	Gary Miles— 360-354-3434
10/26/99	"30 Good Minutes"	Chicago, IL	Richard Foster	
11/5/99 11/6/99	RENOVARÉ Regional Conference	Northern Baptist Theological Seminary 6600 East Butterfield Road Lombard, IL 60148	Richard Foster George Skramstad Dallas Willard	Ian Chapman— 630-620-2101

Growing Pains

We have set aside dates for Regional Conferences that will be led by Richard Foster in **2001**. They are: January 26-27, February 16-17, March 9-10, March 30-31, May 4-5, September 28-29, October 19-20, and

November 9-10. We also continue to help churches sponsor Local Conferences in their communities that are led by RENOVARÉ Team Members. If you would like to see a RENOVARÉ event come to your area, please call Lyle SmithGraybeal at 303-792-0152 or send him an e-mail at 103165.327@CompuServe.com.

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