For as long as I can remember, I have always had a fascination with church signs. Well, not the signs themselves but the messages that are placed on these signs for all to see. I can still remember the message that I read on a sign over 35 years ago as I was riding the bus to my high school. It read, “You never get a second chance to make a good first impression.” I can’t tell you how many times I have used that quote over the years. If I had been smart I would have written down all of the messages and compiled them and put them in the form of a book. But all is not lost for I have been able to put some of them to memory.

As I was driving to the church office the other day, I decided to take a detour to avoid the traffic, and as fate would have it, I stumbled upon another church sign that caught my eye. The message read, “Turn all your problems over to God.” As simple as this message was, for some reason it caused me to pause for a moment to reflect. Of course, it wasn’t the first time I had heard this kind of message. Every Christian knows that he or she is to turn to God in times of need. But regardless of how familiar this message is, the fact remains that we don’t always follow through with this counsel. 1 Peter 5:7 reminds us that we are to “Cast all of our cares upon God because He cares for us.” In other words, we are being admonished to give all the things that are weighing us down and allow God to take charge of working them out. Now this doesn’t mean that we won’t play a role in the process, but it does mean that once we turn it over to Him that the outcome is no longer in our hands but His. And as for me and my house, that’s exactly where I want them to be.

As we join for worship this Sabbath, we celebrate the ministry of the Sligo Pathfinders who will lead out in our 8:45 and 11:15 worship services. We always look forward to our Pathfinder Sabbaths here at Sligo for our young people always seem to bring a spirit of mission and dedication for the cause of Christ. Our music will be brought to us by our Pathfinders and our speaker for day will be Mario E. Torres. Let’s support our young people with our prayers and our presence as they use their gifts and talents for the Kingdom of God.

Next Sabbath I will begin a series on the second part of our mission in making passionate disciples for Christ. If you remember the first series I presented in alignment with our mission was related to how we become disciples through our worship of God which was titled, “Called to Worship.” This next installment in discipleship is how we grow disciples through the nurture
of one another. I have titled this series, “The Nature of Nurture.” My prayer is that God will bless us richly as we allow ourselves to be shaped by His word.

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