

Ignatius Loyola and Ignatian Spirituality: Assignment

1. If we consider Ignatius' spiritual journey as a person's response to God's action in his/her life, what are some aspects of his journey that find resonance in your own spiritual journey?
2. Ignatius met with many setbacks on his spiritual journey: e.g., his battle with scruples at Manresa, his inability to remain in Jerusalem, his being imprisoned in Alcalá and Salamanca, his inability to get to Jerusalem in 1537-38, etc. What role did these setbacks have in his spiritual journey? How might we view setbacks in our own spiritual journey?
3. A modern-day writer favors the expression "God's heartfelt desires" over the expression Ignatius so often used, "God's will." From one perspective, both expressions speak of the same thing. However, "God's heartfelt desires" seems to convey something that "God's will" does not. What is this "something"?
4. In his book *What is Ignatian Spirituality?*, David Fleming entitles the chapter on the Ignatian understanding of God as "God is love loving." What does "love loving" mean, and how does "God is love loving" differ from "God is love"?