

friday – june 26

I Corinthians 15:58, Ephesians 6:11,



//stand firm//

We've made it to the end. At this point, at a normal camp we would be scrambling to eat breakfast, load the bus, and trying to find the owner of 15 towels, 4 swimsuits, 3 shirts, body wash, and trying to find out what to do with the room keys. Oh, and in the midst of that we would squeeze in this last devo.

But here we are...you're already home and hopefully you haven't lost anything. Hopefully you've made the most out of our time together at Focus Camp. We know it was different but the truth is very simple, God is still God. He is alive and moving.

DID YOU KNOW? Did you know that God can move in Roopville, GA the same way he can move at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Facility? I know, crazy.

All those things that make that place special are available to you here, in Roopville. Can't see it? Not experiencing that? What's missing? I honestly think FOCUS is missing. It's like we're led to FOCUS at camp. I think we have this switch turn on at camp that let's us know "this is serious."

But why can't it be serious all the time?

I honestly believe if we apply these things we've looked at all week we'll see a moving in our ministry and in our area. If we simply FOCUS we'll see that Laguna Beach really doesn't have a special ingredient. The ingredient is within us. The question now is this.....

WILL WE WORK TO LET IT COME OUT OF US & WORK IN US?

This morning our word basically follows this thought. The thought of Standing Firm.

If we are to live with CHRIST IN FOCUS and with CHRIST AS OUR FOCUS it will take **Faithfulness – Obedience – Courage – Unity – and lastly Standing Firm**

I Corinthians 15:58 is an incredible passage where we ultimately find the thought of standing firm so clearly. READ w. 50-58

What's this all saying? In short it's this.

Death is not the end. Through Christ there is hope, even in death. All the pain that death, hell and sin bring...is all defeated by Jesus Christ.

So this thought, this truth, this glorious fact is the bright light and grounding truth we go out in each day.

PAUL uses a word in v.58 "THEREFORE" The "therefore" is the hinge between what Christ has done (v.54-57) and what we are to now do (v.58)

What is it? Well, what do you see? (LIST THEM OUT BELOW)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Here's what I see we are to do:

Be steadfast – Be immovable – Abound in the world of the Lord – Know it's worth it.
We are always to know and do some things in light of Christ's work.

But here we find the attitude or action of **STANDING FIRM**.
STAND YOUR GROUND – IMMOVABLE – STEADFAST (unchanging)

This is not just a dig your heels in physically. This is mental too.
Many believers are working hard physically but mentally, they're fading fast.

The battleground for your life is not the physical....it's the mental. It's you believing.
Belief, Faith is the doorway to the physical.
Paul's advice? **STAND FIRM** and **WORK HARD** and **KNOW**.

This is not a one time thing for Paul. Check these other verses out.

Philippians 1:27 – Philippians 4:1 - I Corinthians 16:13 – Ephesians 6:11,13

So what the end....to this day and really the whole week?

I think it's been said really. I think if you truly want to live differently, for Christ, in this life, it's possible.
Not because you're good enough, not because you have what it takes....but because of Christ.
We must start with Christ and then build.

He give us all we need to live a life with him in Focus and with him as our Focus.
Faith – Obedience – Courage – Unity – Standing Firm.

These are things you can do in Christ. This is where we find the true meaning for Phil 4:13.
You can do it, because of Christ within you.

So where does it start? It's start with you....with Christ. By Faith

Then it's your response to that in Faith.

Do you believe Jesus is with you, in you, for you, and working through you?

Do you honestly believe he would save you and leave you?

NO! He's here, working and moving for your good and for God's glory.

My hope in light of this week? That we wake up to the reality that a life with Jesus in the forefront is possible. A life where we seek him, his word, and we make that the focus of our lives.

It's possible...not popular. The question is, which is more valuable to you.

It's tough, not trendy, but man is it worth it. So what say you? You IN? **LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER!**

Faithfulness – Obedience – Courage – Unity – Standing Firm.

(the not so secret, secret ingredients to a life lived with Christ in and as our FOCUS)

We love you, thank God for you and pray we FOCUS together. Now, let's go live!