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A Worthy Life (Legacy)

*“As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received”
(Ephesians 4:1)*

Following Jesus is serious business. The Apostle Paul was sold out to serving Jesus, and this verse from Ephesians is a call to all Christians to be true to our destiny. When you place your faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ to save you from your sins, God’s Word tells us that you become a child of God (John 1:12). And 1 John 3:1 says, “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”

At FCA Baseball we talk a lot about legacy. As coach you will be one of the greatest authoritative figures in the life of our youth. The question isn’t whether you will leave a legacy, the question is what kind of legacy you will leave!? At FCA we know the answer. We know that as coach your legacy should be one that is Christ-centered.

So what is your calling as a Christian coach and a child of God? 1 Peter 2:9 says, “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” Our lives should reflect our transformation from children of darkness to children of light. This includes your role as coach.

And even more than that 2 Corinthians 5:20 says, “We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” God is, in fact, making his appeal to the people we come in contact with every day through us as his chosen representatives. What an incredible opportunity. Daily on the baseball field you are given an opportunity to interact with your players, their parents, umpires, fans and the other team.

Jesus said we are the *salt* and the *light* needed to bring the good news to a dying world. We may well be the only representation of Christ that the people we talk to and interact with ever see.

Think about the people you routinely come in contact with during the course of a day or week in your role as a coach. Does your life live up to your calling as a child of God and representative of Christ? Are you serving and encouraging them in Jesus name?

Question: Are you coaching and living a life worthy of the calling you have received?

Challenge: “Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

Prayer: Lord, help me to take seriously the calling you have given me to be your representative.