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Know Your Why!

"In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"— Luke 24:5-6

A clear sense of purpose enables us to focus on what matters most. As coaches we see this principle come to light daily in the lives of our athletes. Players and teams that have a clear sense of focus and purpose reach their goal. Knowing the why is an important first step in understanding how to achieve that goal.

Understanding and knowing your "why" also provides you with a strong foundation during times of trial and discouragement. German philosopher, Frederick Nietzsche once said that; "He who has a why can endure any how." Or as Casey Stengel once said; "Most ball games are lost, not won."

At FCA Baseball our goal is simple, "Reach baseball coaches and players for Christ." Why? Because we are Disciples of Jesus first and He went to the cross on our behalf so that we could be forgiven and have the sure hope of eternally life. We didn't ask Him to do this for us and we surely don't deserve it, yet we have been chosen by Him to experience this gift of grace.

Through your platform as "coach" you are now able to impart this overflowing appreciation for what Jesus did for you and impact the lives of your players for Christ. This is your why!

Knowing your why enables you to not only develop skilled ballplayers and good teams, but allows you to fulfill your purpose as a follower and coach for Christ, thereby igniting an internal transformation within your players.

The same Spirit who raised Christ from the dead is now living in you. Use it!

Question(s): What does the resurrection mean to you personally? Are you coaching with the knowledge of the gift you have received?

Challenge: Read Psalm 16:10, Luke 24:5-6, 1 Corinthians 15:6, 1 Corinthians 15:17-20 and take some time now and meditate on the truths mentioned above.

Prayer: Father, thank you for all that Jesus accomplished. Thank you for the sure hope of eternal life found in Him, our risen Lord. Thank you Lord for calling me to coach for your Kingdom! Thank you for the opportunity to build a Christ-centered legacy with my players! Amen

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