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BASEBALL

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The Power of ONE

“I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News.” –Philippians 1:27

The 2017 FCA Camp theme is ONE. One passion, one power, one pain, one purpose!

As baseball players you are very aware of the Power of One. One passion, one purpose and one goal can drive an athlete or team to be their very best. The Impact of one player, one play, and one game-changing moment can transform the course of a game and bring victory. Everything comes down to One.

There is power in One Gospel. There is power in One Truth. And there is power in our One Great God who transforms hearts and brings victory in our lives. As Christian athletes, when we stand together with one passion, one power, and one purpose, there is great impact!

We have all been called to be great teammates. Jon Gordon in his book *The Hard Hat*, defines being a great teammate as someone “willing to give some of yourself for the greater good of the team.” In other words you need to be willing to sacrifice your wants for the needs of the team – for ONE.

We live in a world where everyone desires to be great. However, Jesus showed us that the only way to become great is through service and sacrifice. It means sometimes you will be asked to swing away and other times asked to sacrifice bunt. It means that on one time you may be the starting shortstop and on another the second baseman.

The truth is that if you want to make a long-term impact you need to serve your teammates and be willing to sacrifice your short-term desires. I love how Jon Gordon says it; “sometimes you are the star and sometimes you help the star.” Either way it’s all for the team – all for ONE.

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Let’s stand together as ONE!

Questions: Are you willing to answer God’s calling to be a great teammate and represent Christ on your team? Are you will to surrender your ego and serve both others and Christ?

Challenge: Take time this week to read 1 Chronicles 16:8-27, John 17:21, Philippians 1:27.

Prayer: Thank you Lord for your mercy and grace. Thank you for the power of ONE. One gospel and one truth. Give me the boldness to model and let others know about you and your grace.

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