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## Transformed

*“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins... But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”*

*1 Corinthians 15:17-20*

Yesterday was Easter Sunday, a great day to be reminded about the transformational power of self-sacrificing love and the resurrection of Jesus. The day authenticating that all of Jesus' claims are true - He is the Son of God, He is the Messiah, and He is the only hope of redemption. It lets us know that through His work on the cross we have been transformed from a sinner to a place of righteousness.

It is through this transformation that we are called to live for a higher purposed life. A life committed to the teaching and values of Christ. A life where purpose and action intersect.

As FCA Baseball Coaches, we are called to focus on developing and implementing athletes that are Christ-centered in the midst of a performance-based culture. At FCA Baseball we utilize the 3Dimensional teaching and learning strategies developed by Jeff Duke to become a transformational coach. A coach that pours into the heart, mind and soul of our athletes. A coach that produces higher-producing athletes through biblical principles. A coach that through his own transformed life – due to the work and gift of Jesus – assists athletes during their spiritual journey in developing their own true purpose.

Like the early disciples that were transformed on that first Easter morning by the empty tomb, let us commit (or re-commit) to coaching with passion and purpose. Let us be intentional in our coaching philosophy and allow our own transformed life to overflow into our dugouts, onto our fields and in the conversations with our players.

Let us be impact our athletes and all those around them for Christ!

**Question:** Are you coaching beyond the skills and strategies of the game (1<sup>st</sup> Dimension) and providing a culture where your players will grow not only in their skills, but also in their walk with Christ? Are you coaching like a coach that has been “rescued” by Jesus?

**Challenge:** Read John 20:1-17.

**Prayer:** Thank you Lord for calling me to coach for your Kingdom! Thank you for the opportunity to build a Christ-centered legacy not only on the ballfield, but in my family and community! Amen

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