TRUE PASSION

“Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men…”
(Colossians 3:23)

True Passion breeds a single-minded focus to want to live a Christ-centered life. We can see what "true passion" looks like by reading the accounts of the early Disciples on the first Easter morning:

Mark 16:8 - "So they went out and started running from the tomb, because trembling and astonishment overwhelmed them."
Matthew 28:8 - "So departing quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to tell His disciples the news."
John 20:2 - "So she ran to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said to them, 'they have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'"
Luke 24:12 - "Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Then he stooped to look in, he saw only the linen cloths. So he went home, amazed at what had happened."
John 20:4 - "The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first."

In all of these instances, we see that the Disciples went running, ran, or went quickly. There is absolutely no doubt that after hearing and seeing with their own eyes that Jesus was alive they found their "true passion!” It is what drove them to Share, Live, and Remember Jesus.

As Christian ballplayers, playing with the Fellowship of Christian athletes, you have chosen to wear the "colors of the cross." You are the best of the best!

And as such, you are called to: 1) Commit to Jesus, 2) Persevere with Jesus, and 3) Live a life of Integrity based on Jesus teachings.

As we commit, persevere, and live a life of integrity, we too can be like the early Disciples on that first Easter morning - running with "true passion" to share Jesus, Live Jesus, and Remember Jesus both on and off the field.

Challenge: Take time to reflect and pray this week about what it means to play with FCA Baseball. Ask God to lead you in becoming more like the early Disciples, and to be a teammate with "true passion."

Reading the Week: Colossians 3:24, Mark 16:8, Matthew 28:8, John 20:2, Luke 24:12, John 20:4

Prayer: Thank you God for Jesus and your saving grace. Thank you for your creation and giving me the opportunity to live with "true passion" and focus on living a life that is Christ-centered both on and off the baseball field.