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“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

ONE PASSION

WARM UP

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow— not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love.” — Romans 8:38

Passion. It drives us. It moves us forward. It pushes us toward our goals. It keeps us from giving up. It fuels our fire.

Passion is often used with the word love, but it’s not the same thing. Love is certainly a key component, but more specifically, passion is a very strong feeling or a compelling enthusiasm about a person or thing. That feeling usually leads to action.

NBA champion Stephen Curry has been passionate about basketball ever since he was a child. That passion led to a lot of hard work throughout grade school, high school, college, and into the professional ranks where he has become known as one of the greatest three point shooters in the history of the game.

But initially, not many saw value in Curry. He was an undersized prep athlete playing at a small Christian school in Charlotte. Davidson College, however, pursued Curry relentlessly and helped launch a future All-Star’s career. During his 2015 NBA MVP acceptance speech, Curry explained the importance of his number one passion—God—and how that powers everything he does:

“ALL YOU NEED TO HAVE IS FAITH IN GOD, AND UNDYING PASSION FOR WHAT YOU DO, WHAT YOU CHOOSE TO DO IN THIS LIFE, AND A RELENTLESS DRIVE AND THE WILL TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT WHATEVER YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO.” -STEPH CURRY

WORKOUT

AN UNLIKELY HERO

In biblical Hebrew culture, women were not highly valued. So it must have seemed strange to a young girl named Mary when an angel visited her and revealed that she would play a pivotal role in God’s plan to restore His relationship with mankind. It was a plan that had been set into motion thousands of years earlier after Earth’s first people (Adam and Eve) sinned against God and turned a place of peace into a place of chaos. God needed to send a Savior (His Son Jesus) to serve as the perfect sacrifice for that sin, and He was going to send Him in the most unexpected way—as a human baby born to a virgin.

You would think God would use someone more obvious to play the hero in this story—perhaps a dynamic leader or maybe a great warrior. But instead, He chose Mary. He saw value in her when no one else did. Because of that, she bravely put her reputation (and her relationship with her fiancé Joseph) on the line to accept the call.

Mary is just one example of an unlikely hero in the Bible. God continues to look for people just like her who may not be perfect in the world’s eyes but have a willing heart and a desire to use their passions for a higher purpose.

Q: Have you ever felt undervalued or looked over? Explain.

Q: How does Mary’s story give you hope that God can use you no matter what circumstances you might currently be facing?

PURPOSE IN THE PASSION

God is never random. He always has a specific purpose in mind. The purpose behind His passion is evident in three specific ways:

1. God sent His Son for you: This radical plan was born out of His passion for mankind. That passion sent God into action and drove Him to send His only Son to earth to die for the sins of the world. That’s how much He loves you.

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” —John 3:16

2. God never gives up on you: In Matthew 18:12-14, Jesus shares a story about a shepherd who leaves behind 99 sheep so he can go find his one lost sheep. Jesus wasn’t just telling a story. He was illustrating how His passionate love for every lost soul moves Him to action. God pursues you. He desperately wants you to be saved, and His love will follow you everywhere you go.

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love.” —Romans 8:38

3. God has a plan for you: Mary is proof that you don’t have to be deemed special in the world’s eyes to become a part of God’s big plan. He has a plan for you too, and it’s a special plan with a significant purpose.

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” —Jeremiah 29:11

Q: What is one thing you have passionately chased after in your sport? What drove you to engage in that pursuit?

Q: How does it make you feel to know that God is actively pursuing you? How do you think you should respond to God’s active pursuit?

ONE PAIN

WARM UP

“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” —Romans 3:23

Our world is full of pain. That pain affects us in every way imaginable—physically, emotionally, and mentally. While there are many causes, there is really just one true source of that pain—sin.

Sin is anything that separates us from God. It’s based in mankind’s disobedience and willful turning away from God’s plan for our lives. No matter how big or how small, sin always results in actions that hurt us or hurt others.

When Dave Bliss was an NCAA Division I basketball coach, he admittedly allowed the sin of pride to slowly creep into his life. Although he got into coaching as a way to help young people grow, he eventually developed a thirst for winning and wealth.

It all came to a head in 2003 when he was forced to resign as Baylor’s head coach amid an ugly scandal that involved illegal payments for players and an attempted cover-up. While suffering through the scandal, Bliss came to an awful realization about the man he had become.

Bliss is now the head coach at Southwestern Christian University where he uses his story as a warning to others about the pitfalls of the sin of pride. He is also thankful for the opportunity to share the hope and restoration that he has found in his renewed relationship with Jesus Christ.

“I HAD COMPROMISED MY INTEGRITY AND MY CHARACTER AND MADE CHOICES THAT NOT ONLY HURT MY FAMILY, IT HURT THE SCHOOL THAT I CARED A GREAT DEAL ABOUT. I HAD A BAD METAPHOR FOR WHO GOD WAS IN MY LIFE. AND SO MY DAILY WALK WAS PRONE TO FAIL AT A CERTAIN TIME. AND OF COURSE, IT HURT A LOT OF PEOPLE.” -DAVE BLISS

WORKOUT

AN ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

In the previous meeting, we learned that God wanted to restore His relationship with mankind. His radical plan was set into motion as He sent His Son Jesus to earth. For 33 years, Jesus lived a perfect life as an example to the world. He healed the sick, taught truth to the masses, and set people free from sin. But His work wasn’t complete until He gave the ultimate sacrifice—His very life.

The crucifixion of Christ is the Bible’s most heart-wrenching story. Even though He was sinless and an innocent of any crime, Jesus was sentenced to death in the middle of political and cultural unrest in Jerusalem. He was whipped, beaten, mocked, cursed, and spit on. The Son of God was completely humiliated and then mercilessly nailed to a cross and hung high for everyone to see.

Before He died, however, Jesus had a profound conversation with two criminals who were hanging alongside Him (Luke 23:39-43). The first man lashed out in anger. But the other man recognized that Jesus was the Messiah and repented of his sin. Those two men represent the two ways we can respond to sin and pain in our lives. We can either turn further away from God and fall deeper into sin, or we can recognize our brokenness and surrender our hurts to the Savior.

Q: What emotions do you feel as you imagine the events that took place on the day Jesus was crucified?

Q: Can you relate to one or both of the criminals in this story? Explain.

PURPOSE IN THE PAIN

We were born into this world with sin and Jesus paid the ultimate price so that we could be forgiven and restored back to a relationship with the Father. Because of our sin, pain has been a running thread throughout the course of humanity. But thankfully, God has provided three incredible responses to the hopelessness and despair that sin and pain bring into our lives:

1. Jesus suffered pain and even death for your sins: This is the greatest miracle in the history of the world. Jesus willingly chose to step out of His perfect home in heaven and come to earth as a man so He could take on the sins of the world and give us the chance to be with Him in eternity someday.

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” —Romans 5:8

2. Jesus can take away your pain: Suffering is inevitable, but it isn’t permanent. Jesus can heal our physical, emotional, and mental hurts. And in heaven, the pain we so often experience in this world will be gone forever.

“He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.” —Psalm 147:3

3. Your pain has a purpose: It doesn’t always make sense why we have to go through so much heartache in our lives, but God brings purpose to our pain and gives us a testimony that we can share with others as a result.

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”—Romans 8:28

Q: Which of these pains do you need to turn over to God by repenting and asking forgiveness?

Q: Which of the pains do you need to give to God by forgiving someone else?

Q: Do you believe that God can use painful situations in your life to help others and glorify Him? Explain.

ONE POWER

WARM UP

“I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms.” —Ephesians 1:19-20

When it comes to physical training, all sports are different. Some require a focus on speed, and others require a focus on agility, while other sports require a focus on endurance. But one common characteristic that all athletes need to be successful is power. For elite sprinter Allyson Felix, that explosive power needed to compete at a high level is achieved through countless hours on the track and an equal amount of time in the weight room. Through the 2015 season, her methods had yielded four Olympic gold medals, two Olympic silver medals, and 13 World Championships medals, including nine gold. But more importantly, she is committed to staying connected to the one power Source that gives her spiritual fortitude.

“MY GOAL IS TO BE MORE CHRISTLIKE EACH AND EVERY DAY AND THAT IS NOT AN EASY TASK. I TRY TO STAY IN THE WORD OF GOD AND I PRAY A LOT, JUST TALKING TO GOD. HE PROVIDES MY STRENGTH AND WISDOM.” -ALLYSON FELIX

WORKOUT

AN ULTIMATE VICTORY

After Jesus died on the cross, He was buried in a tomb as His followers mourned the loss of their spiritual leader and friend. Even though Jesus had told them what was going to happen, they were still shocked and amazed when He rose from the grave three days later. Jesus is alive!

This was a significant event not just because of the miraculous power that God displayed in that moment, but also because of what it represented for mankind. Jesus had defeated death with His resurrection power and had fulfilled the very purpose for which He had come to earth in the first place.

“I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.” —John 5:24

And we don’t just have the promise of eternal life in heaven, but we also have the promise of fulfillment here on earth as Jesus also promised.

“The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” —John 10:10

That means we have victory over sin and the opportunity to be everything that God called us to be if we walk in fellowship with Him through the redemption that Jesus paid for on the cross and the power He proclaimed through His resurrection. That’s great news! Jesus overcame the world so that now we can do the same.

“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” —John 16:33

PURPOSE IN THE POWER

Hearing the story of Jesus’ resurrection is inspiring. But sometimes, we struggle to apply the victory He achieved that day to our personal lives. Thankfully, God has given us clear instruction and some powerful tools to help us stay on course.

1. There is power in prayer: This is an amazing gift—the ability to have a two-way conversation with the Creator. God is always faithful to listen and respond.

“The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” —James 5:16

2. There is power in the Bible: Every piece of advice and every piece of instruction can be found in God’s inerrant Word. It may have been written thousands of years ago, but it still applies to all of us in today’s times.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.” —2 Timothy 3:16-17

3. There is power in fellowship: Christians weren’t meant to walk alone. Jesus came to establish the church so that we might learn from each other, encourage each other, and serve the needs of each other and the needs of those around us.

“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” —Hebrews 10:24-25

4. There is power in the Holy Spirit: Not long after Jesus left the earth, He fulfilled another promise by sending the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Today, we still have access to the Holy Spirit as a source of guidance, courage, boldness, and comfort.

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth.” —John 14:16-17a

Q: Which of those four spiritual tools listed above do you struggle to engage in on a regular basis? How have you seen them work in your life when consistently applied?

Q: What do you think a life led by the Holy Spirit should look like?

Q: What is keeping you from experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit in your life?

ONE PURPOSE

WARM UP

“I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.”

—John 17:21

Every athlete has a mission. For some athletes, that mission might be to show improvement from the previous season or win more games. For other athletes, it might be about developing chemistry and better team cohesion. And of course, there are always those big-picture goals like winning a tournament or a conference championship.

But for athletes that are led by the Spirit, there should always be a much greater mission.

Such is the case for Liberty University head football coach Turner Gill who certainly wants to win championships, but more importantly wants people to see what it looks like when a group of athletes and coaches come together for a higher cause.

“I BELIEVE THAT EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS IS FOR GOD TO GET THE GLORY. I KNOW THAT THE FOOTBALL TEAM WILL PROCEED WHERE GOD GETS THE GLORY, NOT TURNER GILL. WE’RE HERE TO BE SERVANTS AND TO OBEY. I WANT TO HONOR JESUS CHRIST AS MY LORD AND SAVIOR.”

—Turner Gill

AN ULTIMATE MISSION

During Jesus’ ministry on earth, He put together His own dream team, which ironically wasn’t really much of a dream team in the world’s eyes. This rag-tag group of 12 disciples was made up of a tax collector, a physician, several fishermen, and even a traitor.

But just as He was about to go back to the heavens, Jesus sent them on the most important mission in the history of mankind. In what is now commonly known as “the Great Commission,” they were given the incredible task of spreading the good news of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection throughout the world.

“Jesus came and told his disciples, ‘I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’” —Matthew 28:18-20

Shortly thereafter, the Holy Spirit came and gave the disciples that power we discussed in the last meeting. Suddenly, this team of Christ-followers began preaching the gospel to thousands of people and performing many miracles. There was no denying that this team was special—and everyone who crossed their path was compelled to believe in Jesus.

“They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.” —Acts 2:46-47

Q: Imagine for a moment what it might have been like to be one of the pioneers of the early church. What are some key elements of a great team that helped them be so effective in walking out their mission?

Q: Do you think your team has these same key elements? Why or why not?

GOD’S TEAM

When you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you instantly become a member of God’s team. It doesn’t matter if you feel qualified or not, being a part of this team means you are now part of a higher purpose and expected to work together with other believers to fulfill that purpose. Here are three key aspects to being a part of God’s team:

1. God’s team has one mission: Our entire purpose as the church is to show the world God’s love and to draw people to Christ.

“So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, ‘Come back to God!’” —2 Corinthians 5:20

2. God’s team has one heart: To be effective as a team, we must share the same passion for Jesus and demonstrate that love within the church.

“Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.” —Philippians 2:2

3. God’s team stands out: Our love should be so radiant and bold that people should take notice and be drawn to us.

“Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” —John 13:35

Q: What are some reasons teams don’t get along? What about Christians?

Q: In what ways do you think the world is discouraged or disappointed when they see disunity within the church?

True Success

Introduction:

What is success according to your team? Is it scoring more points than the other teams? Winning a championship? Getting the most press coverage? These are all things we desire as competitors, but they're not necessarily how Scripture defines success.

NFL quarterback Tom Brady, one of the world's most successful athletes, once said, "Why do I have three Super Bowl rings and still think there's something greater out there for me? ... There's got to be something more."

Application:

- 1 How do you define success?
- 2 How does God define success?

Bridge:

"What will it benefit a man if he gains the whole world yet loses his life? Or what will a man give in exchange for his life?" (Matthew 16:26).

- 1 What does it mean to exchange your life for worldly things?
- 2 For what things do you exchange your life?

Connection:

- 1 According to Scripture, success means becoming more like Jesus in all that we do, including competition. That kind of success involves being the best God created you to be. Do you compare yourself to others or try to be more like Jesus every day?
- 2 Does your definition of success line up with God's definition of success? Why is this so hard?
- 3 Success comes through preparation. How can you prepare to be successful in your Christian walk?

Discovery:

Even after I'd achieved everything I wanted as a high school football player—a state championship, all-conference honors, a starting position—I still wasn't successful. I'd been measuring it all wrong. It wasn't until college when my best friend and I dove into Scripture and started realizing that earthly success meant nothing in the Kingdom of Heaven that I finally understood true success. It was this: to seek out, know and follow His ways and to become more like Jesus in every way.

When all else fades and is forgotten—those titles, awards and championships—true godly success will last.

Memory Verse: "...think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths." – Proverbs 3:6

Discipline

Introduction:

In sports today, a coach's discipline can often be perceived as needless punishment, disdain for the player, or a power trip. While some coaches are guilty of that, most of them discipline because they're attempting to help their athletes reach their potential. Unfortunately, athletes often reject discipline by ignoring their coach, quitting the team, or transferring schools. Those athletes miss out on essential lessons and never benefit from the knowledge of the coach.

Application:

- 1 Why is it important for the coach to enforce certain expectations such as, following team rules, learning the playbook, training hard and heeding instruction?
- 2 Tell about a time when you saw a teammate benefit from receiving discipline from a coach? How did the way that teammate handled discipline impact you?
- 3 What are some reasons why receiving discipline is difficult?

Bridge:

God has given us a playbook that provides everything we need to know. Second Timothy 3:16-17 says, *"All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."* The question then becomes whether you will reject His playbook or follow the wisdom found in Proverbs 3:11-12: *"Do not despise the Lord's instruction, my son, and do not loathe His discipline; for the Lord disciplines the one He loves, just as a father, the son he delights in."*

Connection:

- 1 Discipline is any form of instruction, training or correction that helps someone follow expectations in order to achieve the intended result.
- 2 How are your coaches and team leaders helping your team through discipline?
- 3 How does God's discipline show that He loves us?

Discovery:

- 1 Today, receive discipline in a way that positively affects your team.
- 2 Ask God to show you ways in which you are rejecting His loving discipline.
- 3 This week, commit to reading God's Word as diligently as you would your team's playbook.

Memory Verse:

"Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but one who hates correction is stupid." – Proverbs 12:1

Accountability

Introduction:

Sarah and Margo had set their sights on the NCAA Championship in the 10K. The teammates shared their goals and then agreed to work together to achieve them. All season long they pushed each other to new levels of fitness, school records and a greater faith that God would help them maximize the talents He'd given them. Whenever discouragement or setbacks occurred, the friends prayed for and encouraged one another. In the last race before the NCAAs, the teammates ran side-by-side and both qualified for the NCAA Championships. The girls achieved success by becoming accountability partners, sharing their goals and struggles, and by caring enough to make sure they each took proper steps toward overcoming those struggles to achieve the desired results.

Application:

- 1 Name some reasons why sharing goals and struggles with others can be difficult.
- 2 What are some ways your team can make it easier for individuals to share areas in which they need help?
- 3 Tell about a time when a teammate helped you overcome mistakes or negative behaviors that were costing you a chance to achieve a goal.

Bridge:

Great teammates understand the truth found in Ecclesiastes 4:9-10: *"Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts. For if either falls, his companion can lift him up; but pity the one who falls without another to lift him up."*

Connection:

- 1 Discuss how your team can benefit from establishing accountable relationships between teammates.
- 2 What are some areas in which your teammates can help you strengthen your relationship with Christ?

Discovery:

- 1 Be a trustworthy teammate that others will come to for help in overcoming obstacles and achieving their potential.
- 2 Get real with a teammate. Ask him or her to hold you accountable in overcoming personal struggles.
- 3 Ask the Lord Jesus to give you the faith and strength to fully carry out No. 1 and No. 2.

Memory Verse:

"Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts." – Ecclesiastes 4:9

Choosing Friends

Introduction:

We live in a world in which we're constantly connected with our friends through phones, school, social media, etc. And these ongoing connections have a huge impact on our daily lives.

John Kuebler once said, "Show me your friends, and I will show you your future." For better or worse, our friends greatly influence our decisions and choices. And the decisions and choices we make today will have an impact on our lives tomorrow. We must choose our friends wisely.

Application:

- 1 Who are some of your closest friends? Why are they your friends?
- 2 What are some qualities in a positive friendship?
- 3 What are some qualities in a negative friendship?
- 4 How much do your friends' opinions, values and thoughts influence your own?

Bridge:

The Bible gives us wisdom regarding how to choose our friends. Proverbs 13:20 says, *"The one who walks with the wise will become wise, but a companion of fools will suffer harm."* When we choose wise friends, we make wiser choices. When we choose foolish friends, we make more foolish choices.

Connection:

- 1 Name a time when you were positively influenced by your friends.
- 2 Name a time when you were negatively influenced by your friends.
- 3 As members of a team, you have the responsibility to hang out with friends who help you make wise decisions, as this benefits you as a group. How can you as a team hold each other accountable in your friendships?

Discovery:

- 1 Pray and ask God how you can be a positive influence on your friends.
- 2 Pray and ask God if there are some friends that are influencing you in a negative way.
- 3 Pray and ask God to bring friends and/or teammates into your life who will help you make wise choices.

Memory Verse:

"No one has greater love than this, that someone would lay down his life for his friends." – John 15:13

FCA Today

FCA is touching millions of lives...one heart at a time. Since 1954, FCA has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high, and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA is the largest Christian sports organization in the world. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering, and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ through our Four C's of Ministry: Coaches, Campus, Camp, and Community.

FCA Vision: To see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.

FCA Mission: To present to coaches and athletes, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church.

You can find out more about what is currently happening in FCA by checking out FCA.org to get the latest news on what God is doing in FCA across the world.

Ministry Fundamentals

The Ministry Fundamentals are the core competencies of our ministry and the foundation of all we do as a ministry. FCA's Ministry Fundamentals are Share, Seek, Lead, and Love.

Share Him Boldly (Acts 5:42) – FCA shares Jesus with those who do not have a personal relationship with Him. We believe that Salvation is only found in Jesus, and with great passion we desire to share the Gospel with the world. (Present Gospel)

Seek Him Passionately (Acts 17:11) – FCA equips and encourages others to seek Him daily. A life-long pursuit of knowing and loving Jesus takes perseverance and discipline. (Disciple Others)

Lead Others Faithfully (1 Corinthians 14:12) – FCA desires to model Jesus' example of serving by seeking out the needs of others, developing trusting relationships, and caring about the individuals we serve. (Reach Out)

Love Others Unconditionally (1 Peter 4:11) – FCA realizes that the most powerful force in the world is love. We desire to be obedient to the Lord as He said that we would be known by our love. (Fellowship Together)

Core Values

FCA has four Core Values that are a standard for all relationships inside and outside the ministry. These values are timeless and unchanging. Our relationships will demonstrate steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through Integrity, Serving, Teamwork, and Excellence.

FCA Core Values: Integrity, Serving, Teamwork, and Excellence

Integrity (Proverbs 11:3) – We want our leaders to demonstrate a Christ-like wholeness, privately and publicly. This means always being faithful to follow through on what you say you will do.

Serving (John 13:1-17) – We want our leaders to model Jesus' example of serving others and developing trusting relationships. This means sacrificing time and energy to be available to those for whom you are called to minister to.

Teamwork (Philippians 2:1-4) – Express our unity in Christ in all our relationships. This means being selfless and intent on the purpose of bringing glory to God in everything.

Excellence (Colossians 3:12-24) – Honor and glorify God in all we do. This means being teachable and always doing the best that you can.

Statement of Faith

FCA's Statement of Faith helps us keep Christ the center of our ministry with a clear understanding of what we believe. As a ministry, we focus on what we agree on, not what we disagree about. FCA does not deal with doctrinal differences like the gifts of the Spirit and baptism. This allows us to be inter-denominational while keeping Christ at the core of our ministry.

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
2. We believe that there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)
3. We believe in the deity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through his shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. (Deity – John 1:1, 14); (Atonement – Hebrews 9:15-22); (Virgin Birth – Matthew 1:18, 25); (Bodily Resurrection – 1 Corinthians 15:18); (Sinless Life – Hebrews 4:15); (Personal Return – Hebrews 9:27-28)
4. We believe that for the Salvation of lost and sinful men (and women), regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. (John 3:16; John 5:24; Titus 3:3-7)
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. (John 14:15-26; John 16:5-16; Ephesians 1:13, 14)
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost – the saved unto the resurrection of life and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (Matthew 25:31-46, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 2:1-4)



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