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Lessons from a High School Math Class

As a math teacher, I love my students. I want them to succeed, sometimes in spite of themselves. I want them to do better than they think they can do. I want them to develop, if not a love for math, at least an appreciation for math. I knew I could motivate them to work hard. And for some, it worked. They did well!

But for others, the stories were different:

- o "Gee, Mr. Fank! I really wanted to do the homework, but I had to go to the baseball game last night."
- o "I know you stay after school to provide math help, but I just didn't want to come." (No one actually said this, but their actions communicated it well!)
- o "This just doesn't seem very practical to me."
- o "This is hard. I give up."
- o "You know what? I'm just not going to do it!"
- o "I don't need to work hard here. I'm going to play in the NFL!"

I still loved these kids, but they also frustrated me. I wanted to scream, "WHY DON'T YOU SEE HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS TO YOUR LIFE!"

And then it hit me. I've used the exact same excuses in my Christian walk. They sounded like this:

- o "Gee, God! I really wanted to read my Bible, but the baseball game was on TV last night."
- o "I know you provide help for us through others, but I just didn't want to come to church or small group this week."
- o "This just doesn't seem very practical to me."
- o "This is hard. I give up."
- o "You know what? I'm just not going to do it!"
- o "I don't need to work at this! I'm going to have a great career and make money."

And I wonder if God wanted to scream "WHY DON'T YOU SEE HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS TO YOUR LIFE!"

I am not writing this to make anyone feel guilty, but to remind us (okay, me!) about how easily weeds grow in our life. I want to be careful that I don't let excuses get in the way of God's best for me. I want to mature as a believer. I want Him to use me for His purposes. I want to honor Him in my life. How about you?

"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus..." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Roger

BBC Family Update

- Please continue praying for Mike Hallak's full recovery and ongoing rehab.
- Praise God that Roger and Debbie have successfully moved into their new home here in Burlson. Continue to pray for Roger as he finishes up the school year in Shreveport and for Debbie as she is here without him.



— May 1st —

DYNO-ROCK

2:00-6:00pm



— May 23rd —

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Anthony Aquino, preaching
Graduate Recognitions



Next Steps

Leadership Meeting May 23

May 2nd
4PM

AWARDS NIGHT!



Followed by a spaghetti dinner at 5pm.

Hosted by the BBC youth!

Great job clubbers!

BBC EVENING OF PRAYER

Monday, May 3rd @ 7:00PM in the fellowship room.

Please join us as we spend time with the Lord, praying for our church family!

Mother's Day
Sunday

May 9, 2010
*Her children rise up
and call her blessed.*

PLEASE submit newsletter items to the church office by May 24th.



Memorial Day
May 31, 2010

Congratulations Graduates!

- Bobby Malone, Burlson High School
- Riley Ralmuto, Grace Preparatory Academy
- Trevor Robinson, Burlson High School
- Jason Kelley, University of North Texas
- Phil Ridlen, University of Texas at Arlington
- Dave Roberts, Texas Wesleyan School of Law

