



FCA 2013 Camp Theme: "Relentless" Hebrews 10:39

Camps are a time of "inspiration and perspiration" for athletes and coaches to reach their potential through comprehensive athletic, spiritual and leadership training.

"But we are not those who draw back and are destroyed, but those who have faith and obtain life." - Hebrews 10:39

Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, **20** by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, **21** and since we have a great priest over the house of God, **22** let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. **23** Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. **24** And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, **25** not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

SUMMARY -

re-lent-less | *unyielding. unbending. determination. never-ceasing. fierce. persistence*

The heart of every champion is **RELENTLESS**. The passionate pursuit of greatness propels the athlete to the edge of his or her ability and beyond. Fierce persistence and unyielding determination define the great competitors throughout history. They were **RELENTLESS** in conditioning, **RELENTLESS** in practice and **RELENTLESS** in competition. Their never-ceasing commitment to excellence brings out the best in them and those around them. It defines how they become the best that they can be.

God's love for us and His pursuit of us is **RELENTLESS**. His plan for us is to have abundant and eternal life in Jesus Christ. When we relentlessly pursue God with a desperate, determined heart, God will use us to the edge of our abilities and beyond. It's time to live like a champion for the Lord. It's time to be **RELENTLESS!**

DAILY THEMES -

Day 1 - Relentless Love | God pursues me

Key Concept - God loves you unconditionally and desires a relationship with you.

Key Verse: *"Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6*

Any serious athlete has one goal in mind - to win the prize. The relentless pursuit of the championship, trophy or medal drives the competitor to practice and play with an intense focus and determination in order to obtain the ultimate reward. Passion drives them and keeps them going until they reach the goal.

We are God's prize. He pursues us with an unending, unyielding love. God's love for us is not based on anything we can do, but what He did for us. He sent His son, Jesus, to be the sacrifice for our sins so that we can have a relationship with Him. We are passionately pursued by God!

Day 2 - Relentless Devotion | I pursue Jesus

Key Concept - I am fully committed to seeking Christ and knowing Him through spiritual disciplines.

Key Verse - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." Deuteronomy 6:5

Devotion separates the good competitors from the great. An athlete can be born with great talent or skill, but he or she will never reach full potential if they are not fully committed to being the best they can be. Great competitors are relentless in conditioning, training, practicing and learning how to better themselves. Discipline and devotion drive them towards personal greatness.

When we begin a relationship with Jesus Christ, we must be fully committed to knowing Him more. We cannot expect to grow in our relationship with Christ unless we are willing to go the extra mile and pursue Him with our whole heart, mind and soul. We can know Christ to the best of our ability through devotion to spiritual disciplines: reading the Bible, prayer and abiding in Him each and every day.

Day 3 - Relentless Freedom | I pursue life

Key Concept - I can be healed from my hurts and forgiven of my sins so I can live an abundant life in Christ.

Key Verse - "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1

Devastating injuries and wrong choices can stop an athlete's relentless pursuit of excellence dead in its tracks. The athlete must make the decision to take time out and pursue healing in order to be fully restored and ready to compete.

In our relentless pursuit of Christ, there can be barriers that block our goal of knowing Him more. The consequences of sin and pain in our lives take our focus off Christ and cause us to live a life of defeat. But Jesus Christ desires us to live a life of freedom and grace! Through Jesus we can have forgiveness, healing and an abundant life in Him.

Day 4 - Relentless Mission | I pursue others

Key Concept: I have a calling to love others, serve others and reach others with the Gospel.

Key Verse: "He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.'" Mark 16:15

A mark of a great athlete is that he or she not only competes to the best of his or her ability, but they bring out the best in others. Because of the athlete's pursuit of excellence, everyone around them, their coaches, teammates, families and competitors, become better. They compete better and live better because of the athlete's example.

As Christian competitors, God has given us a calling to pursue others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are called to love others, serve others and influence others with the love of Jesus Christ. We have a relentless mission to share Jesus with our teammates, coaches, families, friends and peers. We must passionately pursue those God has put in our lives so they may live abundantly in Jesus Christ!

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