

Home Run Life Series: Week 3

PK's teaching Notes

2.15-16.13

Week 3: Home Run Life

Wel to Home Run Life-wk 3 Today, we're going to talk about **Getting In Scoring Position** for a HOME RUN Life. Everyone wants a Home Run *kind of life* ... and to get that life, we need to make it past 1st base and on to 2nd! 2nd Base is often called scoring position bc runners at 2nd base can often score even on ground balls that make it past the infield into the outfield. This is going to add runs for the win.

**But to be candid, in my humanity, I don't want to teach today's lesson. Here's why-last weekend I confessed 1 of my 3 vulnerabilities on 1st Base was Anger & thanked God it did not have dominion over my life. By Thursday/Friday I hit deep rage ... so I tweeted: "Something just happened w/ Home Run Book that is so awesome and so bad; I'm elated and furious! So, I'm gonna say it ALL this weekend, LIVE!"... So, I'm practically disqualified to teach this weekend, bc my reason for the anger is point #3 of today's teaching; which was already written before the angering event happened. But, Life is lived in real time and if the HOME RUN teaching doesn't work in real life in real time then it's not worth much is it?*

Let's catch everyone up: What is the Home Run Life? God's game plan for life & Idership? (Wt Bd) ...Rms 12:1-2 (Circle 1st to 2nd) Get in scoring position).

I. What we need to KNOW (in principle)

II. What we need to DO (Keep practicing)

I. Getting In Scoring Position (In Principle)

Figure out what counts on the last day,

So that you know what to count every day! (repeat ... on screen)

Last day of your life on earth, will also be your first day in eternity ... what 's gonna matter on that day? BC what matters on that day is what needs to be what matters to you every day! It's not gonna be career trophy's, \$profit or stuff. So that can't be the thing you live for ... they are part of your life, but they cannot be the purpose of your life or what you live for! This gets you in Home Run Life scoring position bc it puts God & People in perspective: (INSERT)

A) God is great, I'm not:

Isaiah 46:9-10 "I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, (I tell you at the beginning what will happened at the end & it happens) ... I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please'. Isaiah 40:15-17 "Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; ... Before him all the nations are as nothing..."

B) Stuff is Temporal, Souls live Eternal:

II Peter 3:10 "everything in the world will be burned up, now how should you live?"

Rev. 20:12 "every person dies physically - but their soul lives forever ... and their eternity is based upon how they live on earth - what they did w/ the offer of Jesus, and how they live for God = Eternity w/ God or w/o God ... **Two things last forever, God's Word (Is. 40:8) & People!**

This is **what counts on the last day, so make it count every day!**

Practice ... love people & use things, rather than love things & use people! ... @ risk of being Charlie Brown, "*I love the world ... it's people I can't stand*" ~Peanuts Cartoon

Practice? There are 3 things you'll want to KEEP doing bc they will matter on the last day & every day! It will get you into scoring position: **Eph. 5:1-2 (pg. XXX) Practice, LOVING Like God Loves ...**

#1) KEEP your Word

God keeps his Word. What he says (vows), he will do! [How about you?](#)

It's foundational to all relationships ... Every contract is a relationship dependent upon people keeping their word!

Perhaps the greatest cost that leads to loss in our world is people who do not keep their Word:

... When I make a CC purchase, you give your word to pay! You sell a produce, you make a product promise, you make a Marriage Vow, you promised -keep your Word;

... To have children & fail to take care of them, creates a national collapse & cost of billions to clean up after parents who fail to take resp & Keep their word.

... When employees don't keep their word, when employers don't keep their word ... Play it out. Everything crashes.

KEEPING your WORD is the foundation upon which all love & rela are built. And when you can't trust someone's word 1st Base ... the rela/2nd base sinkholes:

Illus: [Does anyone like COOL CARS?](#) This past week was a distressing week for Corvette Lovers. The Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY houses hallowed Vettes. The foundation gave way to a 40" wide X 30" deep sinkhole that swallowed 8 priceless corvettes. Security Cameras: **PLAY** (30sec)

Corvette lovers are grieving ... and the hole is so massive it makes the corvettes look like matchbox cars. Watch **PLAY** (15sec)... *that's the Blue Devil, 2009 ZR1 - fastest production car in ever made. Sad!*

So how does that Happen? *A sinkhole is caused by ground water eroding underground limestone over*

many years, forming a void underneath the surface of the earth. Eventually, the soil that was above the dissolving limestone has nothing to support it anymore, and it collapses ...

This pic of the Corvette Museum is a picture of what happens to marriage, families, business's, ch's, Gov't, counties, when we fail to KEEP OUR WORD, it erodes the foundation of all relationship – TRUST! ... **so RELA Collapse!**

When someone's marriage craters, people ask "HOW did that just happened?" It didn't – the foundation, 1st Base Character has been eroding underneath for some time ... & in time, it finally collapses & the loss is great! That's why God instructs us, LOVE LIKE I LOVE, Keep Your Word. And don't leave hear thinking about the people in your world who need to clean up keeping their word; ask yourself: [How am I doing?](#)

#2) KEEP your Calendar aligned with your Relationships

To "Keep your Word" you'll have to change your calendar: Soon after my parents divorce, My dad used to day, "You know I love you son ... Um actually, I didn't; His words were inconsistent w/ his calendar". He had little time for me. Its like telling God, you know I love you Lord, but I don't have time for you, your Word, Talk/pray, Worship on the Lord's Day. But I love you – Um, that's hollow. He knows you don't love him.

"Calendar" became intense in our marriage, family and my career. And for some time, we wrestled this down. However, instead of hearing it from me, we thot it best to hear it from Marcia. Here's her comments: **PLAY** (3:03)

A Home Run Life begs the Q: Where do you need to get your Calendar aligned w/ your Rela? That might be the ONE THING God wants to you go take action on today ... whether time w/ him, for you marriage, a date night, your kids, a family night, where does your time need to align w/ who you love? And it's a process ... Marcia didn't get to say, I want you home all the time and if you don't do it my way – you don't love me – it was a mutual process of coming to agreements: this is what our rela needs for love to flourish (& I'm not working 80 yrs a week, but I'm not working 30 hrs a week either). Set priorities and calendar to align, & Keep Your Word!

#3) KEEP Short Accounts

In the Home Run book, I write about 2nd Base Comm/ win w/ Others & the power of Keeping Short Accounts: READ (page 152... etc)

Why do I write this? BC God instructs us: **Hebrews 12:14-15** ...

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INSERT THE STORY COMMENTS ABOUT THE NYTIMES BOOK LIST

But it's the message – we are the people who have been forgiven by God, and for that gift, we have to love like he loves, and we have to forgiven others like he forgives us. And **When you get a raw deal, learn to deal with it right!"**

I was brooding through the night on Thursday – and after venting for a bit in my prayer room, I picked up a book on Corrie Ten Boom. I needed to make myself sit in someone else's raw deal that was 1000x's worse than what I was feeling. She lived in Holland during the reign of Hitler and protected Jews. She was turned on by a friend and put in a concentration camp. After the end of the war, she preached God's Love & Forgiveness as the only way to heal. And she became famous w/ a best selling book. Then one day, (READ INSERT FROM BOOK)

Close: ... "O God, help me to live my message" ... And God melted the hatred ... the anger ... the bitterness.

We've not had her raw deal, but many of us feel like we've had one in life, in marriage, family, business, church, gov't ... life itself; and the only hope is to love like God. To KEEP SHORT ACCOUNTS ... To pray Corrie's prayer: "O God, help me to live my message" ... And God melted the hatred ... the anger ... the bitterness.

*That's the kind of prayer the CP's are stepping up to offer over you ... and maybe that's not your primary issue today; but you have to ask yourself - Where are you getting thrown out at Second? **CUT***

PK/CP's – offer prayer ... "To Love Like God Loves" ...