

Home Run Life Series: Week 5

PK's teaching Notes

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Week 5: Home Run Life

Wel to The 5th & Final week of Home Run Life series. I've written the Home Run book, been teaching you for 4 weekends on the **how to win life by God's game plan in a world that does life backwards** & after all that – Today: When & Why I'm **Convinced**, **Compelled** & **Committed** to running the bases backwards. By the end of today, this will not only make sense, you'll never see faith the same again. And as promised, I'll present the one thing I did not put in the book. So stay with me as it unfolds ...

It all begins w/ the Apostle Paul in the book of II Cor. Paul is the founding pastor of the Ch in Corinth. He led several people to faith in Jesus and stayed there for 18 mnths to disciple them. He est leaders to continue the work and went on to plant ch's in other locations. However, while he was away – other leaders set themselves up as superior to Paul. So, they sought to discredit Paul's credibility/integrity. In II Cor. 5, Paul is defending himself – "*I'm not a fake ... I'm the real deal*". Let me give you a pic of this w/ Jeff Gordon. Here's what came out this wk:

(PLAY) 28sec

Such fun, we have to play it out. Jeff G (Pepsi) got together w/ co-workers of Travis & set that boy up: *Travis the critique was about to become the convinced*. They engaged an elaborate hoax where Jeff Gordon was the cab driver picking up Travis on business & the story ensues (**PLAY**) 2:08

Feel free to debate if it's FAKE or REAL; But Paul was putting an end of the debate among those @ Corinth: "I'm no fake or fool~I am for REAL, I'm not a Fan of Jesus, I'm a fanatic for Jesus; I'm **Convinced**, **Compelled** & **Committed**": look at his letter in **II Cor. 5:12-21 (pg 1160)**...(comments)

Note: (Paul) "I'm **Convinced**, **Compelled** & **Committed**" ... these will prove to be shared characteristics of people w/ a HOME RUN LIFE!

#1) Convinced of Eternal Life (I Cor. 5:14-15)

a} One died: Adam sinned & we are all born in sin. Death to our rela w/ God, all die phys, & all die eternally separated from him. Our souls live forever, but separate from God – no wonder it's called hell. But in his love for us God sent his ONE SON (Jesus) – CONVINCED ... one died (paying our sin debt so that we could be made whole. **Vs. 19 (read) WOW, the result is Vs. 17 (read) ! Unbelievable! CONVINCED of this!!!** So that we no longer live like the world **Vs. 15 (read) ... sound familiar? Romans 12:1-2**

b} HOME RUN life, BB analogy God's game plan for life & ldership, **Wt Bd Review**... but (Backwards) we live in a performance driven world ... & this world will sacrifice their eternity, integrity & family to get a measure of material/\$\$ success! But God invited to be a New Creation in Christ; "have ALL" (LOVE)! ... so we Change Mind - CHANGE: **vs 15...** (pause: my family growing up – we were churchd, but never broke from selfish. You have to DIE to yourself. Make no mistake, this is not a SELF-HELP teaching, this is a DIE TO SELF teaching! You have to put an end to "manipulating God to bless your backwards life" and "die to your agenda and get on God's agenda", that's a Home Run Life). CONVINCED: this thing called LIFE is not just on Earth-it's ETERNAL! Life has fun in it, but it has the sobering truth: E. Life & Death are on the line: **Three of us were on a MC ride up the Blue Ridge Parkway several years back & came upon 2 other riders in front of us. So the 5 of us ended up doing several miles tracking at about 50 mph like riding trails through mountainous woods. Tree's overhang, 500 miles w/ no stop signs. Glorious ride. In the beauty of that ride – a massive deer jumped from the left side hill with such lightening speed that in one leap it landed for a second to touch the road & leap again. But the touch was directly between bike #1 & #2 in front of us. Cyclist #2 hit the deer, it flipped her bike end over end as the 3 of us watched helplessly. We rushed to her as she struggled for life, & we were powerless ... a broken neck & within minutes, we stood as she died. Sobering.**

Paul is reminding us of the sober truth – life & death are on the line. E L & D! Church, live CONVINCED like you know what's on the line. 12S, we have a lot of fun, but sober! Don't take ourselves all that serious, but we take God seriously; Take home run life, Eternal death & LIFE seriously. **We exist to help Spiritually Lost People to find & follow Jesus ... BTW, over people said**

[YES to Jesus last weekend & symbolized it by signing Home Plate \(4C's-16S'\)](#)

#2) Compelled by **Love of God** (I Cor. 5:14)

"Compelled" is deep! We think of *compelled* as something that emotionally moves us & so it's a WANT TO ... "*PK, I am compelled to ride HD motorcycles!*" But Paul's word in the greek root is actually "CONTROL"!

It's the same word applied to Jesus when the Roman guards and soldiers took Jesus from the garden of gethsemane to prison & to Pilate & to be whipped, mocked, beaten & to be crucified. He was "controlled" by them, "imprisoned". Jesus was *compelled* by soldiers w/ swords ... He had "NO CHOICE" ...!

So, in essence, Paul was once enslaved to sin & sin controlled his life (he was compelled to sin); imprisoned by it; he couldn't help himself. But the LOVE OF GOD – thru Jesus set him FREE FROM Sin's Control & NOW he is CONTROLLED by – Imprisoned by the LOVE OF GOD. A love that forgave what otherwise damned Paul on earth & for eternity. What kind of amazing grace is this? So now Paul is imprisoned by that love! The Love that freed him from the Prison of sin; has now imprisoned him in the Love of God – so the purpose of redemption became a non-option in his life! He is COMPELLED by God's Love to Reach Sp. Lost People !!! He can't help himself! (**Are You?**)

[I say this cautiously – but if you are not compelled to reach sp lost people, you have to wonder if you really realized sin's debt, God's forgiveness & if you have truly died to your self. BC – it's not casual, it's compelling ... makes us ALL AMBASSADORS #3](#)

#3) Committed as **Ambassadors** (I Cor. 5:18-20)

God has given us the ministry of "Reconciliation"=Evangelism! The role of the church is EVANGELISM ... to reach out to spiritually lost people and help them find & follow Jesus! And if you are a follower of Jesus, you are CONVINCED of ETERNITY, you are COMPELLED by his LOVE and you are God's Chosen AMBASSADORS ... so we COMMIT to this bc we are not customers of God's Love – we are carriers ... God makes his appeal through us.

Illus: back in 2010, Jay Leno was on "Top Gear"; & in the course of the interview, he shared an awesome story, listen in: (**PLAY**)

Now That's funny. Those two officers are ambassadors for law enforcement but they blend like they are part of the normal world. That's who we are – [we are ambassadors for the Kingdom of God, but we are undercover all throughout the community in various careers & neighborhoods and parks](#), blending in as if we are like everyone else; On Mission: Reach: **Book pg 209**. **Change your thinking**: PK w/ Bill Hybels (I put you here Kevin); 12S, God put you in your Work World [not just to make a living, but to change a life!](#)

New Reality: you are an undercover agent ([tell neighbor: you're an undercover agent](#)) Where? In the 'Streams of Influence' wherever God has you working. (**Wt Bd**) ... Jesus has est the CHURCH as his New Creation~ithe 'hub' **draw** to train us in a Home Run Life (Discipleship = forward).; it's the only place on earth where all the streams of influence unite weekly & uniquely. BC our first identity is not our 'career' – it's Christ! Sent out like UNDERCOVER Christ Followers into our Career! ... we cover all the streams of culturally career influence; **draw** 7 Str of Inf:

1. Business
2. Government / Public Service (Police, Fire, Politics etc)
3. Education
4. Health and Medical
5. Entertainment / Arts (Film, music, fashion, "physical" art)
6. Sports / Athletics
7. Media (Marketing, Advertising, News Broadcasting, Graphic arts, Branding)

Wherever we are, on the MAP ... that is where we are ON Mission as AMBASSADORS for Christ.

Something I did not put in the book! Discipleship is Forward. But I think the way EVANGELISM works in our increasingly pagan/ non-Xtian nation, has changed! In the past—"more confrontational" when you meet someone **draw** Listen: there is a God & here's what's wrong with you (HP & 1st Base). But the world does not listen that way ... perhaps they "listen" by the way they run the bases = tends to HEAR Backwards. (say it again, bc they Live Backwards, they tend

to Hear Backwards!) And how we gain a place of influence to be heard might often be Backwards. Here's what a mean: Being w/ HP being like God (GIVE) – a person who gives themselves

Illus: **HmPlate** Heart of God = **Give**; "God so loved the world he 'gave'". We give ourselves away that they may **see our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven** (Matt. 5:16) "**Brighter**" **People who 'give' are appreciated.**

GIVE – who are/what do; I didn't say give \$ (tho part) – said give, it's at the core of God & how life works: "Give More than you Take" - all relationship – how does a marriage work? fam?

Fdship? How Busi works! – "Take more than you give 'breaks rela/ business & life" -

Then **3rd Base** "Get better at what you do" ... 3rd base competence earns respect ... & people tend to listen to people they respect. **People who are 'competent' are respected.** Being sloppy, shoddy, half-way – inept –

Then **2nd Base** "Add value 2 others", BC **People who 'Add Value' are valued**

And when you add value & become more valued – people tend to talk to you about their lives ...

(Invite into personal life: good, bad & the ugly) **and BC you value them, you reveal that you are an AMBASSADOR for Christ** ... *"I have the same challenges as you have, but I have found that*

God makes all the difference". INVITE to Church, or Draw out the Home Run life on a napkin ... &

if they care – give them a book!

Disc happens forward; Evang happens backward ... and once you see it you know how to do BOTH ... (powerful tool for faith)!

Start Thinking & Living this Way – 12S – HR is our TOO! Disc/Evang/Ldership

Done Teaching ... 'now' – offer practical way to practice/ Pilot Project!

Pilot Project over the next 3 months that puts this Evang is Bcwards in Action: **Leadership**

Round Tables: brand new idea, piloting w/ couple sister ch's and with JMLCenter & EQUIP.

how we evangelism as ambassadors Bkwards:

- 1) Practice "Give yourself away" – (give more than you take)
- 2) Get better at what you do? ... which is Ldership Development!

Leadership Development has been STOLEN by the World & called SECULAR! (as if purely a thing for the world of business, but in truth – it's rooted in God's principles around the Diamond).

God had given favor to J.Maxwell who sells millions of Ldership books to business community and teaches in every Stream of Influence!

So in Ldership Center/JM partnership: we are taking a couple of his leadership books and writing **A 6 lesson Leadership Round Table**

The purpose="Get Better @ What you do" & "Add Value to Others"

What if: You, decided to facilitate a Leadership Round Table in your stream of influence – in your place of work/business? It's a Ldership Book condensed in a Round Table Discussion format – **not a BS, not SG, not prayer in the Group, not 12Stone**; It's taking JM Ldership Books into Discussion Format & we produce the material, Has JMLC branding (not 12S), & you use it to help each other in your business "Get Better @ what you do & Add Value". So invite 4-5 co-workders, offer to facilitate a Ldership Round Table and PILOT the group. (Your business gets better results, better w/ customers, with each other, co-workers get better, & add value to each other- sharpen- rise up).

That's it? YES !!! Like having a mini-Ldership Seminar in a Round Table as a you apply it to your work world! (Can meet for 6 wks before work, during a lunch, after work – once a week, but home for dinner).

Clarify: This is Ldership R.T.'s – not Ch S.G's. This happens during the day w/ Co-Workers; not another night out w/ your spouse. This is 45-60 min & it's discussion based on a specific Ldership Book; Not you teaching!

As Add Value: Rela builds – if they invite into their Personal Life, - they discover you actually Care!: so you can talk about "Same Challenges" – *I've found that God makes the difference in my life*. INVITE into a Wkend Series – bc ambassador for Christ! ... as tho God makes his appeal thru you!

Of course I can't explain it all or train you during weekend teaching. But I will personally set

aside time to train you through this: from inviting co-workers, to how you facilitate a leadership RT & we'll learn together! JOIN ME;

1) I'd like to know where God has us as ambassadors in which streams of influence ... Go on line to this site (Wufoo) & let us know. (Business People in a growing ch like 12Stone – who is here? Where had God placed us).

2) Would you be interested NOW, - 2 Training Times (or later in 2014)

No Pressure – Decide after the Training !!!

Why so strategic & practical? BC we're convinced, compelled & committed!

Smart Ph's: Do I right now ...

As you do, listen to my friend Luis R; the guy who gave his story in wk 1! God changed his life & it changed his business life! BTW-If you do all I've taught these 5 wks, but keep RUN your Finances Bkwards – Still Never Have a Blessed Life ... Here's Luis ... **(PLAY)**

CP's pick up after the video ... "The Blessed Life" 3 wks will change your life. Probably more significant for your practical life on earth than the last 5 weeks. BC what most of us worry about is our finances and many of us are unaware that we live our \$ lives backwards. This is gonna be a huge 3 weeks! If you are out of town, get to the ONLINE church and listen. Don't miss how to get in on The Blessed Life ... it's what we all want from God!