

What is Easter all about?

- A good meal
- A personal need
- A traditional family time
- A place to go on a holiday
- A nifty theme of hope – resurrection

What is most important? (1Co 15:3-4)

- Christ died for your sins.
- He was buried.
- He was raised again on the third day.

This is the gospel.

The gospel leads us to Jesus.

Jesus leads us to God.

- Are you willing to chase after the world and yet lose your soul? (quality over life)
- Do you struggle with giving your life to Jesus willingly? (independence over love)
- What everyday affairs of life are you entangled with that hinder your service to Jesus? (fear, security, or practicality over faith)

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AN EXAMPLE OF A RESURRECTED LIFE

Phi 3:4-14 – “in order that I may attain
to the resurrection of the dead”


“If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.” (Phi 3:4-6)

Before the Gospel – Phi 3:4-6

1970-80s – Plenty Empty

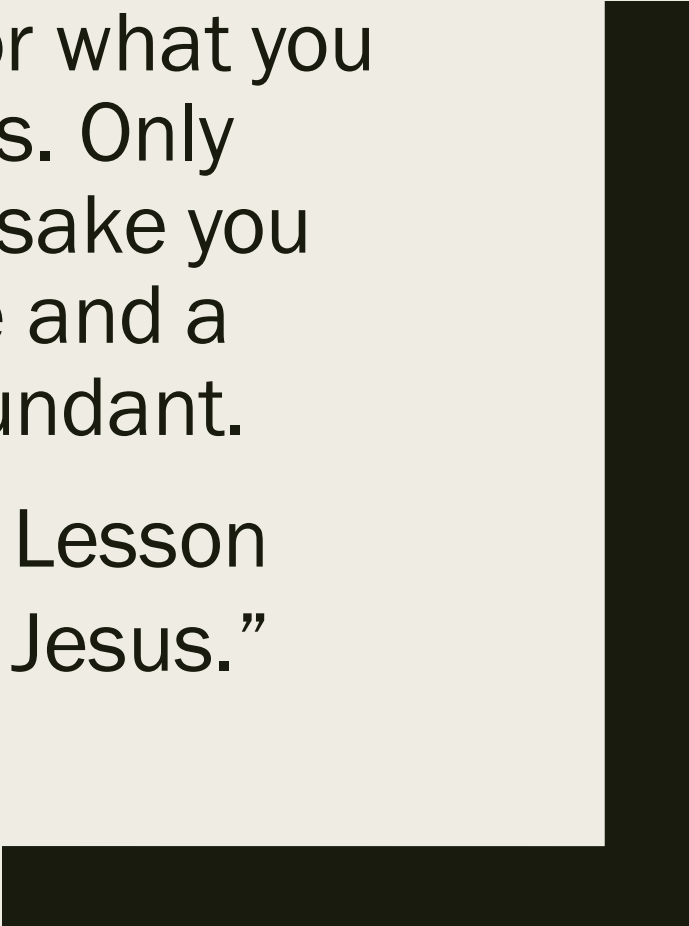
- Adopted Jewish-ish
- Involved, Popular
- Politics, Opportunity
- Foolish and Faithless
- Truly in the gutter





Whatever you're involved with now or what you pursue in the future, everything ends. Only Jesus promises never to leave or forsake you but to love you and give you a future and a hope of a life that is eternal and abundant.

Resurrected Life Lesson
“Everything ends, except Jesus.”



“But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ.” (Phi 3:7-8)

Enter the Gospel – Phi 3:7-8

1990s – Days of Salvation

Amway Convention – Seattle

Moved – AZ (desert time)

Aimless – Drug house

Lost everything – Cupertino



Enter the Gospel – Phi 3:7-8

1990s – Days of Salvation

Great Job – CS to Sales

“More out there than this.”

HBC Evangelism Class

Lord’s Landing – TN

Gained Christ – 7/28/97



Enter the Gospel – Phi 3:7-8

1990s – Days of Salvation

Business – AZ (desert time)

Calvary – Gospel zealot

No mentor, trouble, recovery

Lost everything – San Jose



Enter the Gospel – Phi 3:7-8

1990s – Days of Salvation

Great Job Offer – Austin, TX

Counted Lost – Gained a Life

Church – HBC, college, mentor

Home – peaceful, 3-4 years



Pursuing something I thought was worthwhile only ended in loss, and I paid for it. If your pursuits aren't in God's will, you'll pay for it in lost time, resources, opportunity, certainly when you give an account of your life to Jesus.

Resurrected Life Lesson

“It's better to give your life willingly.”

“I . . . may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own . . . but that which is through faith in Christ, . . . that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.” (Phi 3:9-11)

Wrestle the Gospel – Phi 3:9-11

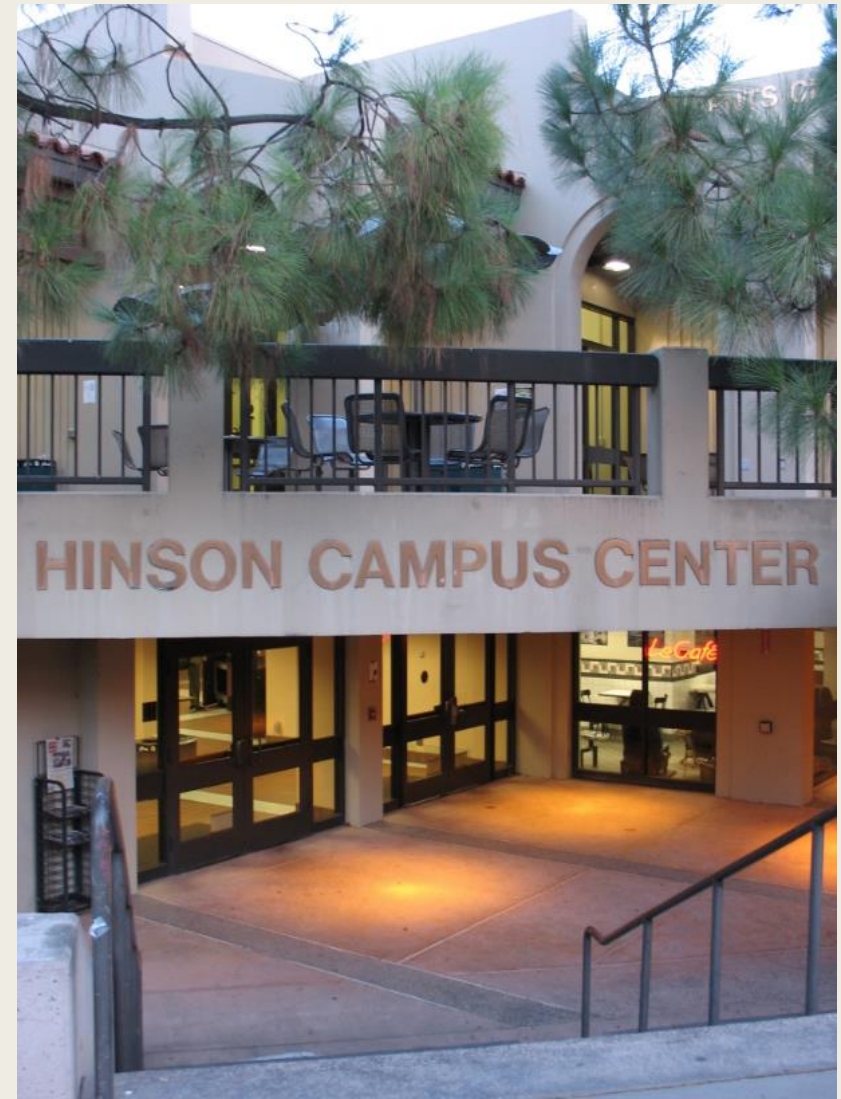
2000-15 – Rooted & Grounded
School, Career, Family, Home

2000-06 – College Group

3/13-16/03 – Study of Cross

2003-15 – Study of Gospels

2011-12 – Church Planting



When I study the life and resurrection of Jesus, I realized that there's much in my heart, mind, and life that hasn't been really touched by God because I've withheld myself and my life from Him.

Resurrected Life Lesson

“Only Jesus truly changes hearts and lives.”

“Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren . . . forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”
(Phi 3:12-14)

Live the Gospel – Phi 3:12-14

2015-2018 – “Follow Me”

Study – Gospel Outline


Sharing it – mostly at work

Gospel Courses – HBC, GBC

3/3-4/17 – Day of Prayer

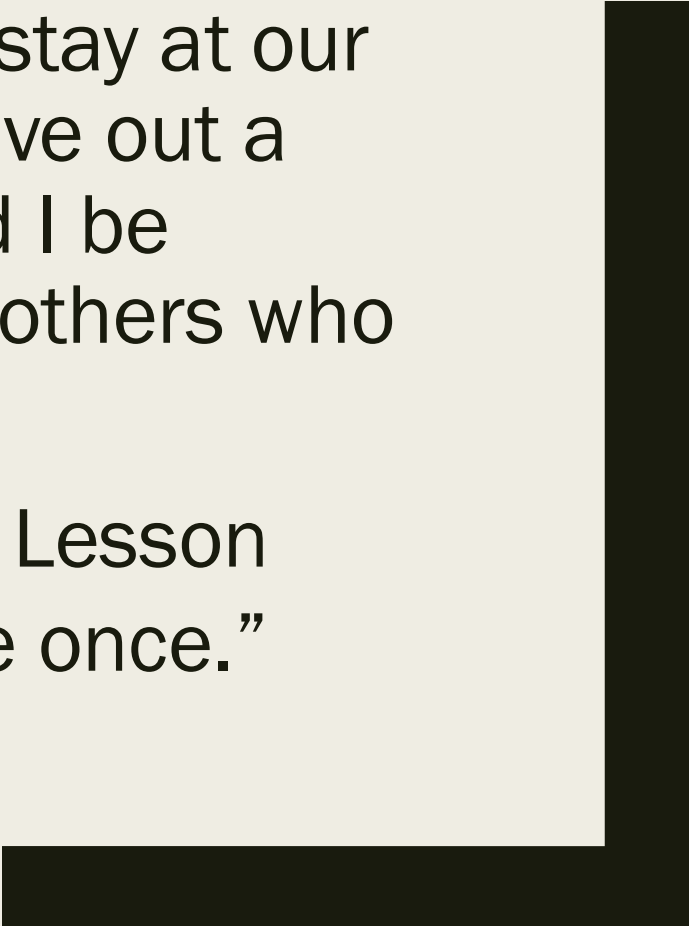
Belmont, Bethany, GBC






It would have been easier for me to stay at our former church, help out there, and live out a comfortable Christian life. But would I be pressing on as Jesus, Paul, and the others who have gone before me?

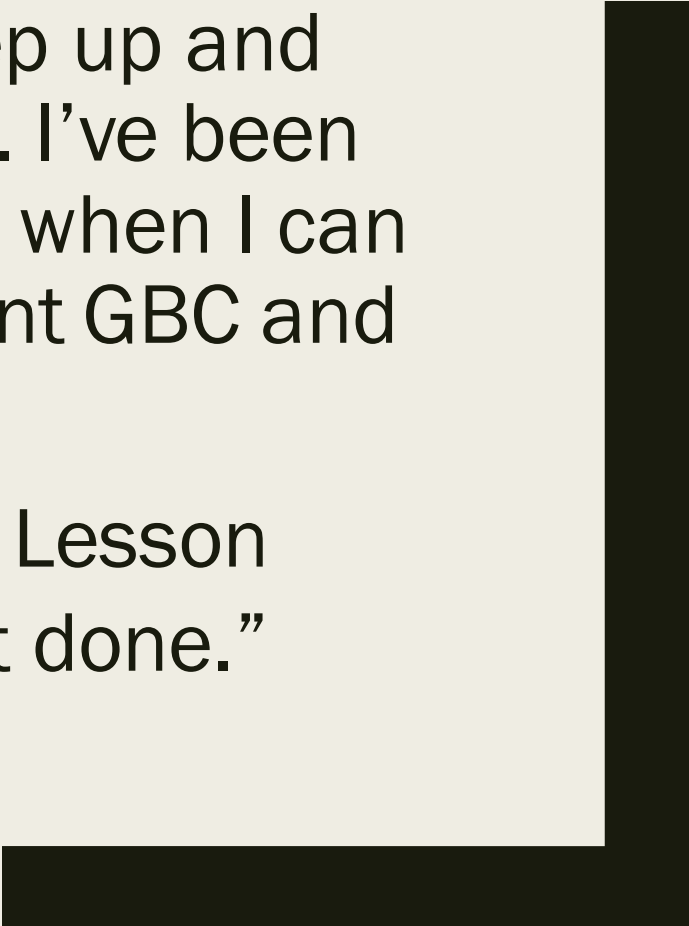
Resurrected Life Lesson
“I’m only going to live once.”






Coming to GBC has forced me to step up and help in ways I wouldn't have chosen. I've been looking at the needs and jumping in when I can and even when I can't because I want GBC and others churches to burn for Jesus.

Resurrected Life Lesson
“The work's got to get done.”





Jesus already came here, died for my sins, and blessed me with everything; so it's my turn to give. I don't want other people chasing me down to help them because Jesus has already asked me to jump in and help.

Resurrected Life Lesson
“I don't want to stand and wait.”



I'm no one special. I've no special skill, talent, or gift compared to any other Christian. I'm learning to give what I can and improve where I can, but I'm not doing anything any other Christian can't do. I'm just standing in the gap.

Resurrected Life Lesson
“God's doing most of the work.”

I'm struggling with every day affairs of life just like everybody else. Career, family, and home all go on with distractions, setbacks, upsets, and death. However, "heaven and earth will pass away" but never the gospel.

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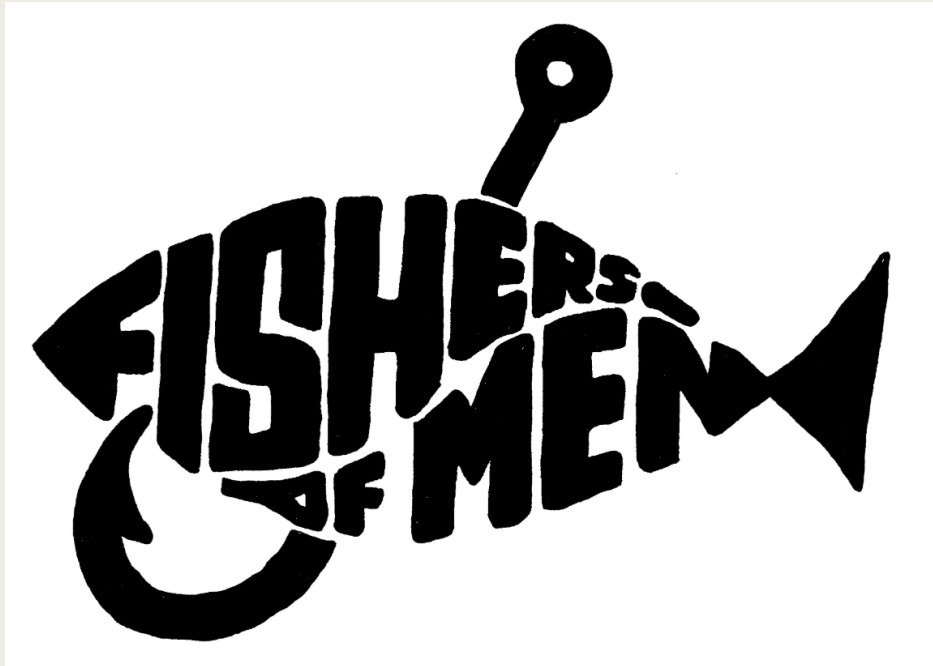
"The gospel must go forward no matter what."

1988



- Junior Year
- USAR Infantry “Follow Me”
- Boot camp
- Train to kill
- Jump school
- Sniper school
- Drill Sargent

1988



2018

- “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (Mat 4:19)
- No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier. (2Ti 2:4)

Christ didn't come to help you live your own life. He came to give you a new life to live.

Believe ?