

SUMMIT SESSION
DO IT ANYWAYS – WINNING FAITH IN A FEELINGS CULTURE

“You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor’s crown except by competing according to the rules. The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.”
2 Timothy 2:1-4 NIV

GOD IS LOOKING FOR:
_____ MEN
_____ CHOICES
_____ HOPE
_____ PRIZE
_____ PRICE

IN THE MOMENT IT’S ABOUT “NOW” OR “LATER”...YOU CHOOSE

I CAN CHOOSE MY _____.

“All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.” Hebrews 12:11 NASB

I CAN CHOOSE MY _____.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.” Matthew 6:19-20 NIV

I CAN CHOOSE MY _____.

“By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward.” 1 Corinthians 3:10-14 NIV

BIG IDEA:
A LIFE OF _____ = A LIFE OF _____

FEAR FEELINGS CULTURE STEREOTYPES IMAGE IMPULSES

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Matthew 16:24 NIV

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” Matthew 5:10-12

THAT MEANS ... WE DO IT ANYWAYS!

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*“Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **“Peace be with you!”** Then he said to Thomas, **“Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”** Thomas said to him, *“My Lord and my God!”**

*Then Jesus told him, **“Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:25-29 NIV***

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“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:9-13 NIV

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“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:25-28

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*Then he said to them, **“My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”** Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, **“My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”***

Matthew 26:38-39 NIV

FOR DISCUSSION:

WHAT SITUATIONS ARE TOUGHER THAN OTHERS TO BE DISCIPLINED IN YOUR FAITH?

WHAT KEEPS YOU ON TRACK WITH YOUR CHOICES IN CHRIST ON A DAILY BASIS?

HOW DOES HEAVEN & ETERNITY FACTOR INTO YOUR DAILY CHOICES?

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO “DO ANYWAYS” IN LIGHT OF YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST TODAY?