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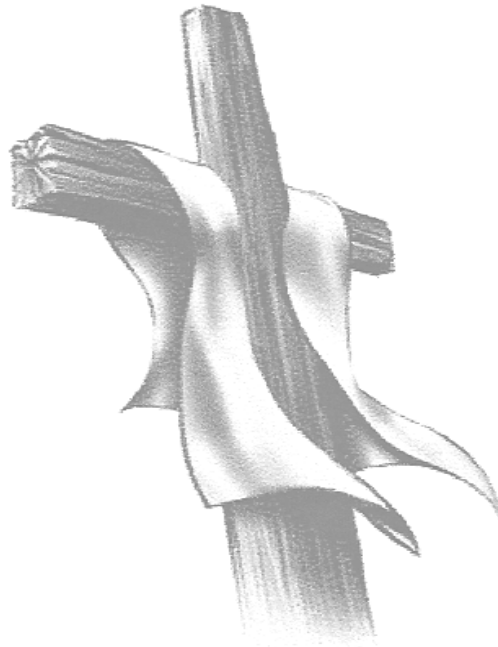
# TAYLOR'S TALK ON CHRIST

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## Month In Review

September was a really awesome month for me, as track 1 of the FITN internship came to an end. The past three months has gone quite well, specifically in connecting with Jesus and the heart of the Father. Of course, there is a lifetime more of searching out the great mystery of God and studying His heart and mind, but in these three months God has established such a wonderful foundation in my spirit. I cannot explain to you in words what it is like to study the Word of God for hours in a day, then transform what you have learned into a conversation with Jesus. It is a HUGE blessing and opportunity, causing such a growth and strengthening in your inner man that a lot of the time you yearn to go back to that place of study and prayer (how cool is that!!).

Also, God also blessed me in so many ways in this last month of my internship. He gave me several books, out of the blue, through people that I had secretly said several times to myself that I wanted. He blessed me with a free dinner at Outback Steakhouse that was extremely good after three months of cafeteria food. God provided me a house to live in for the next few years for extremely cheap and with good people. His favor has been upon me in so many ways. God has also blessed me financially through several of you reading this. He also placed me in a leadership position with FITN to a much higher place than I had expected; with which came a blessing by way of internship tuition discount. He is truly such a wonderful Father that loves to give good gifts to those loving Him and seeking Him. The longer I walk this path of righteousness, the more I see Matthew 6:33 come alive in my personal life. I can testify that if we will seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, then He truly will add all else that we need unto us. And sometimes He being the wonderful Father that He is, He even adds some things to us as just an added bonus to show us how much He loves us (i.e. a steak dinner!!).

## A Word From Louisiana

Over the past few weeks, the Lord has placed me in a couple of trials that have really caused my anger and desire to retaliate to rise up in me. As a result, I have really begun to seek Him for answers as to what He wants me to learn through these tough times. The answer came through a friend of mine: the Lord wants us to humble ourselves before Him. Humility is a state that God has to teach us to remain in. We cannot learn to remain humble through our own ability, because we, most of the time, do not realize that we have begun to walk in pride. James 4:10 says, "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor." The point is that when the Lord allows us to endure trials that test our selfish pride, He wants us to come to Him asking Him how we can walk in humility in these trials so that we will come to understand His love more deeply and show that love to others, especially those involved in our trials. Here are some ways to consider to help us walk in humility more consistently throughout the day: routinely confess our sin to God, acknowledge your sin to others, take wrong patiently, actively submit to authority (the good and the bad), receive correction and feedback from others graciously, purposely associate with people in a lower state than yourself, and be quick to forgive. God definitely has many other ways that we can continue to walk in humility and not allow pride to creep up on us, allowing ourselves to think that we are in better fellowship with God because we have been a Christian a long time, because we spend hours in His word or in prayer, or because we do awesome, good works for others. If we allow these trappings, and many others, to allow pride to build up in us, then we begin to forget that the Lord is the one that is allowing us to succeed, and we cannot do it in our own ability. If we begin to drive ourselves to seek and obey the Lord to remain humble, he will lift us up in honor, and He will lift us up in such a way that we boast in what He has done in us and not in what we can do.

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# Teaching



I have an interesting topic to discuss with you this month. There are several things the Lord has been teaching and dealing with me about this month, but there seems to be one specific topic that the Lord wants me to discuss with you. That topic is about when we as Christians are mistreated by believer and unbeliever alike. Of course our flesh, as human beings, never enjoys and usually rebels every time it happens. What I want to stress upon here is how crucial it is for us to consider how we respond to mistreatment. I think the first question we should always ask is not "why has this happened to me?" I think normally the question that has to be asked is, "is this an opportunity brought on by God?" I know this is not a normal response for most people, but I do think this should be the first response that we as followers of Christ should consider. Because through mistreatments I believe God allows us an opportunity to develop Christ-like character on the inside (which I believe is the most important thing on earth for a Christian, Rom 8:29). Our response is important for two main reasons. First and foremost because a Holy God sees every move and every response we make, and because unbelievers see and will REMEMBER every move and response we make. The first reason of course is the most important, because as His children we are to be perfect as He is perfect (Matt 5:48). Also non-believers will always watch to see how you respond. It is very important for them to see the love of Christ in you. Now there are two main groups you will find that mistreat you, the heathen (non-believers) and the fellow believers. When we get mistreated by non-believers, we are normally o.k. with responding in love. We think about how unfortunate it is they don't know Christ. Sometimes we pray for them to get saved, and if the mistreatment was very bad we know that Jesus will come back to earth with vengeance upon all unbelievers on behalf of His children who have been mistreated. The hard thing to handle is when the mistreatment comes from fellow believers, from those we trust, love, and would never expect to do such a thing. But no matter how much it stings or how much it hurts, we must ALWAYS respond in love. So of course now we must talk about what it means to respond in love. This is how mistreatment becomes an opportunity.

The question is can we use this opportunity to respond in love. Instead of getting angry and becoming bitter; we love, forgive, and bless the person knowing that as we do this we are becoming more like our Lord. Not only do we want to be able to use self-restraint on how we respond, but we want to get to the place that the only thing that bubbles up IS LOVE. The best way to describe this is a story I heard preached recently. These two monks, famous for their piety, were traveling to another monastery to do some teaching. On their way there, the leader asked the other monk if he knew what the fullness of joy was. The younger said he did not and wanted to know what it was. The leader began to elaborate. He said if when we get to the monastery, and it is midnight, the doorman that answers doesn't know us and won't let us in because he accuses us of being thieves. It then begins to rain and turns cold. So we go through out the town looking for shelter, and everyone turns us down, calling us bums. So we go back to the monastery for one last appeal; and instead of welcoming us in, they beat us with clubs leaving us half dead. They spit on us, kick us, and call us scum. So we lie there freezing, reputation accused, body beaten, and mistreated by the very people we have traveled many miles to offer our help and are then denied help by those in the city. If we are able to go through all of that and never once have anger, pride, or bitterness arise in our hearts, THAT is TRUE JOY. Brethren you don't get that kind of joy in a day. That kind of joy comes from TIME AND TIME again working the muscle of the heart, responding with self-restraint, spending time in the presence of God, and asking God to remove even that which you had to restrain to keep from manifesting in sin. That is why it is an opportunity. You should want the fullness of joy dwelling in you, and every time you are mistreated is an opportunity to exercise restraint and tenderize the heart and remove all bitterness and develop Christ-like character on the inner man. Christ, though He was FULLY God, did not respond in any way while He was being mistreated by the very people He came to die for. The FULLNESS of God dwells within us. This kind of the fullness of joy is possible for the children of God, even on this side of eternity in the midst of a fallen world.



## Future Events

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>

FITN Track 2 Begins

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

IHOP Women's Conference

Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>

FITN Track 2 Ends

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>

Coming to Louisiana for Christmas

Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> – Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

IHOP National ONETHING Conference

in K.C.!!!

## Looking Forward

The next few months should be very interesting. We will get to see how core leading (apartment leading), the new leadership position that they have place me in, goes. During this time, I will be taking classes and doing prayer room time like a normal Track II person. It will be very busy and very challenging, but it will also present a large opportunity to show myself able to handle a large load and provide leadership to others at the same time. So with much prayer and much contending for grace, I willingly and gladly accept the challenge. At the end of the next three months, at the beginning of the year, basically, I will have to make the decision of whether to go to school or to go on staff. The leadership team has asked me to come on staff and take a leadership position, so these next three months will provide me with the necessary experience for me to make my decision. It also allows for much time to discuss it with the Lord, which of course is the most important thing.

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