

Hey Coach,

Some great huddles this week...

Roger and I attended that meeting at Canal High School...went pretty good, I will have to fill you in later...

I have been piecing together some thoughts this week about the common theme you bring up in the huddle all the time... Where is the Courage? where are the Men? What the hell is going on in many of our churches?

A scripture came to mind in II Timothy 2

1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

Some observations:

vs2 (there is the down line you've been talking about)

vs3 (men are really built to be soldiers)

vs4 (when a man who is supposed to be at war gets entangled with the affairs of this life or 'civilian life' much is lost)

Many churches are extending invitations to men to get involved, maybe be an usher, a greeter, maybe lead a home group or hey let's go do some random acts of kindness (yeah that's it)

But where is the church that is calling men to be soldiers? -- So, if they do get some men in the front door, while they are suppose to be taking on the role of a soldier but instead engage in a bunch of soft, easy, comfortable activities that really is more like a civilian setting rather than a battle ground then men lose their sense of identity of being a man and a soldier. I have to repent because I was part of this system for awhile. The pastor really is the one who has to affect change in this area..

It makes me think of the real world of U.S. soldiers, and how they are fulfilling their purpose when they are on the battlefield, but when they come home and try to re-acclimate to civilian life many have trouble....

There are over 20 veterans committing suicide in America Every Day!

Wonder if there is such a thing as spiritual veterans committing spiritual suicide?

Anyway, I'm sure there are many soldiers who would rather give it all on the battle field, than to return to a soft civilian lifestyle knowing there is still a battle raging and an enemy to defeat. No doubt the huddle is reaching many of these sleeping giants

keep up the good work my brother, we are trying to get some things stirred up over here in Canal Winchester--

I've been enjoying the huddle for some time now but I also realize the game isn't won standing in the huddle..

I'll leave you with this

"Tall ships look majestic in the harbor,
but they were not built for the harbor....!!!"