

# Chronicles of Narnia: The Last Battle



# Racing to the Silliest Time of Life

Serving God Now

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# Foregoing Opportunities to Serve

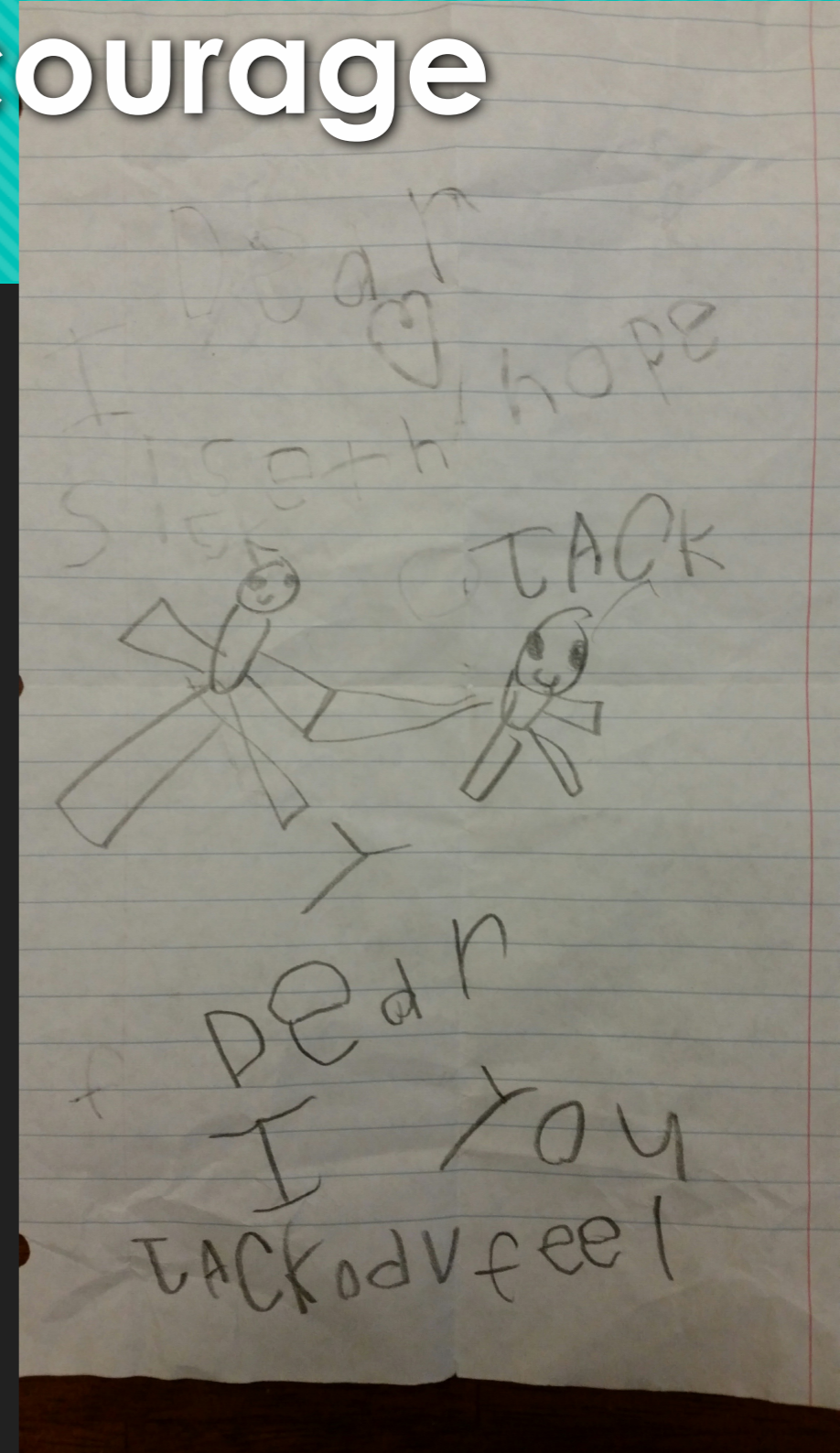
- The “But First” club – Luke 9.57-62
- Demas
  - 2 Timothy 4:10a *For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica.*
  - Matthew 13:22 *As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.*
- Mary and Martha – Luke 10.38-42

# Practical Ways To Encourage

- Be a good example to people one step behind
- You may not always have someone older than you, but you will always have someone younger.



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- Very Young
  - Draw a picture for someone who is sick
    - Mom and Dad will give you a stamp
    - They want to see you help people
    - The woman at Bethany will always be remembered because “she \_\_\_\_\_ what she \_\_\_\_\_.” (Mark 14.3-9)
  - Remind Mom and Dad to do good things
    - You can help them go to heaven more than (almost) anyone

# Practical Ways To Encourage

- Very Young
- Single and Newlywed
  - You may not have money, but you have freedom
  - Spend time with shut-ins
  - Be involved in secret service
  - Go.



# Practical Ways To Encourage

- Very Young
- Single and Newlywed
- Parents
  - Your Home Life Is An Amazing Tool For The Kingdom
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Serve Your Family – Put Your House In Order
    - Encourage Your Kids to Serve
    - Lead By Example

# Practical Ways To Encourage

- Very Young
- Single and Newlywed
- Parents
- Retired
  - Available time (and perhaps resources) to serve
  - Calls, cards, visits, provide a meal
  - "Your greatest work in the Kingdom may be just ahead of you."  
Gary Henry

# Christians Must Be Devoted

- The Bible is a Book of Devotion
- What Should I Be Devoted To?
  - God.
  - But How?
  - Only Three Real Things To Be Devoted To

# Worship - Acts 2:42

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

# Devoted Themselves To Prayer

- Colossians 4:2 *Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.*
- Acts 1:14 *All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer...*
- Acts 6:4 *But we will devote ourselves to prayer...*

# Devoted Themselves To Prayer

- Romans 12:12 *Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.*
- 1 Corinthians 7:5 *Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.*

# Devoted Themselves To The Apostles Doctrine

- **1 Corinthians 15:1-2** *Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, (2) by which also you are saved, if you **hold fast** the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.*

# Devoted Themselves To Fellowship

- **Romans 12:10** *Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.*
- Is devotion to your brethren as important to you as devotion to prayer or the Word of God?
- **John 13:35** *"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*



# Daily Actions of a Christian

- We understand what it means to do something daily.
- When it comes to our walk as Christians, there are some things so important, the Bible commands us to do them daily.
- Everything else can wait.

**I**f any man will come after me, let  
him deny himself, and take up  
his cross daily, and follow me.

Luke 9:23



# Three Things You Must Do Daily

- Pray – 1 Thessalonians 5.17
- The Word of God – Psalm 1.1-2; Acts 17.11
- Encourage Brethren – Hebrews 3.12-13

# Conclusion

- Hopefully You See a Great Need to Encourage Brethren Daily
- Easy to Encourage on Sundays, But It Needs to be a Priority Every Day!
- A Church Directory is a Great Place to Start
- You Can Serve Now!