

SUMMER CCF

Playing Chess



I've been thinking about chess a lot this summer.

This is odd because I don't actually play chess - I really don't even enjoy it (sorry to all you chess enthusiasts!).

So why have I been thinking about chess so much?

Well, I've been reading this great biography on Dietrich Bonhoeffer this summer.

Know him?

He was a German theologian who was murdered by the Nazis in 1945 for plotting against Hitler.

So... what does this have to do with chess?

Well, a little over 10 years before he was killed, this eminent theologian taught a confirmation class for unruly, poverty-stricken boys.

To intentionally invest in the lives of these boys, Bonhoeffer made a dramatic yet simple decision: he would move into their neighborhood and establish an open door policy.

Bonhoeffer writes:

Since New Year I have been living here in the north, so as to be able to have the boys here every evening, in turns of course: We have supper together and then we play something - I have taught them chess, which they

Prayer Calendar

- Sept 5-9
Pray for the interns and corefas who'll be serving our community this year!
- Sept 12-16
Pray for freshman who are moving in this coming weekend - that they'd be excited to explore Jesus
- Sept 19-23
Pray for your professors (individually, if you know who they are) - and pray for the First Friday night!
- Sept 26-30
Pray for students that you're meeting in your classes

now play with the greatest enthusiasm...At the end of each evening I read something out of the Bible.

Bonhoeffer not only taught these boys about Jesus in class: he shared life in Christ as he shared his daily life with the boys. This struck a chord in me, and made me ask: How can I share Jesus like Bonhoeffer? Who can I "play chess" with?

- Rachel (on behalf of the staff)

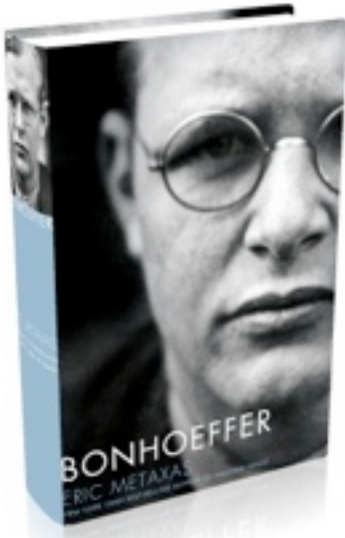
Summer Challenge #3

Who can YOU "play chess with"?

As you think about the school year that's about to start, how can you live like Dietrich Bonhoeffer? How can you live so that people encounter Jesus as you invite them to share day to day life with you?

Here is your third summer challenge:

1. RIGHT NOW (yup, even as you're reading this!) start to pray: Lord, how can I minister to people around me by inviting them to share life with me? Pray for the people he'll put in your life... even if you don't know them yet!
2. As you meet people - in your core, in your neighborhood or dorm, in your classes - list their names and phone numbers on an index card and tape it on your door frame.
3. Every time you walk out your door and see that list, call a couple of those people and invite them to come with you!





Ripple Effects

Do you ever feel like you don't make a difference?

I do.

Sometimes I think: I'm not sure God has used me at all to make a difference for His Kingdom.

But that's 100% NOT TRUE - in my life and in yours.

This summer, I started thinking about how many people are affected by our faithful obedience to God and the sacrifices we make for the sake of others.

Probably we'll never know how far the ripple effects of our lives reach - and how many people are touched through us.

In August, I was sharing with some friends who "grew



up" in CCF with me, and I started to think: I wonder how many cores have been touched through our 2 Fairhaven cores back in 2005?

So I did some research: tracking the corefas and core members who came out of those cores over the next 6 years.

Guess what?

Those 2 cores affected **OVER 50 cores in the past 6 years!** Fourteen of last year's cores are "direct descendants" from those 2 cores!

Think you don't make a difference? Think God isn't using you?

Think again! You're changing lives of future students that you may never meet!

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How do you pray when you give?

Here's how King David prayed:

Who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand... All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. O LORD, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire the hearts of your people forever.

Let's pray together with joy as we give to God so that he can accomplish his work on campus this year!

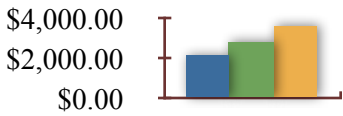
RIGHT NOW, as you write your check or log in to PayPal, **take a minute to pray that prayer** - thanking God for our ability to give!

There are three ways you can give: through **your bank, the mail, or Paypal**. Find more info on all these giving methods at our website : www.ccfministry.com/support/.

THANK YOU!

- July Giving \$2,125
- August Giving \$2802
- Student Goal \$3,600

Student Giving



Food for THOUGHT:

"I commented one day to one of the sisters [of the Missionaries of Charity] who was scurrying from one task to the next at how hard she worked. She looked at me as though she had not ever thought of it that way. Then she said, 'Oh, but our first work is prayer.'"

~ Mary Poplin

First Friday Night!
AH 100/4
Sept 23
7pm



We are praying for you this summer!

Love, Christian, Jeff, David, James, Geoff, Ramona, Sara, Jessica, Derrick, Rachel, Jonathan, Brady, Theresa, Shanon, Kellie, and Michelle