

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

TRAINING CAMP – PERSONAL COMMITMENT

Opening narrative:

Russ Grimm, a guard for the Washington Redskins, was welcome to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2010. In his acceptance speech, he detailed his move from linebacker to offensive lineman in college at the University of Pittsburgh. It was a change he didn't welcome, until a conversation with his Offensive Line Coach, Joe Moore. "He knew I wasn't happy. I didn't like the transition. But he called me in one day, sat me down [and] talked about it...He told me that playing offensive line, there's no greater feeling than to be able to move a man from Point A to Point B against his will. I tried it; I liked it; and I was playing offensive line." When it comes to our daily spiritual battle, it's a struggle. We must have the determination to move the flesh against its will. It's not easy but very necessary.

A. Struggling isn't a bad word – fighting against the flesh

1. Residual sin in the life of a believer
2. How it impacts everything we want to do for God
3. Relying on obedience over emotion to move it aside

B. When Jesus becomes habit-forming

1. God's Word – the daily feast
2. Prayer – the daily reminder He's God and we're not
3. Grace – the daily shower offered by the cross

C. Going from completing tasks to enjoying God

1. Hearing God's voice on a regular basis
2. Getting past the checklist
3. Being truly fathered by God