

True Colors “Do You Feel It Yet?”- Ben Foote

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Bible References: *Psalm 139:23-24, Psalm 22:1,31:15 & 18:19, Matthew 27:46, Luke 23:46, John 3:16-17 and Hebrews 12:2*

Community:

1. Did you play *Capture the Flag* growing up? What did it feel like to surrender your flag?
2. Have you ever felt the need (or conviction) to give anything up? If so, what was (or is) it?

Core:

1. Ben shared that the definition of surrender is to: *stop resisting an adversary and give in to their authority*. Have you had to surrender to an *adversary* in your life, and would you agree that all of us (eventually) have to submit ourselves to or serve someone/something else?
2. **Read Psalm 139:23-24.** How would you describe David’s prayer here—especially the end? Where do you see David placing his faith (and his allegiance) in his prayer?
3. Ben said that, “*In the kingdom of God, the road to victory is paved with surrender*” and that, in the end, we surrender when we’re “*overwhelmed by someone else’s power.*” Would you agree, and if so, where do you see victory through surrender in God’s kingdom?
4. As we look to Easter next weekend, Ben encouraged everyone to reflect on the perfect gift of Jesus’ death on the cross and to try and **feel** the overwhelming truth of the display of God’s power through that horrific and miraculous event.

Share your reflections on the following:

(1) That sin isn’t an *action*, but a *state of being*. And because we are imperfect, God (in His perfection), cannot come in contact with us. Meaning: we are *forsaken*.

(2) That there was a *Great Dilemma*: God couldn’t just write off our sinful state and be *perfect in His justice*. Likewise, God couldn’t sentence us all to death and be *perfect in His love*.

(3) That Jesus (God in the flesh) answered the *Great Dilemma* by surrendering Himself and dying on the cross—paying the *infinite price* for our *infinite debt*.

5. Do you feel the *overwhelmingly perfect, good, loving, and mind-blowing miracle* of the cross, yet?

Challenge:

Take some time throughout this week to read all the Bible references listed above, reflecting on how much God loves us (John 3:16-17) and the amazing way He solved the *Great Dilemma* by setting His plan into place from the very beginning—even using King David’s words to bring hope and encouragement to Jesus on the cross.

