

## **Some not-so-traditional advice**

### **Graduation Sunday**

**June 5, 2011**

#### **1. Forget the grades. Get an education.**

It's not how much you can put in your brain but how much you can build below the surface.

#### **2. Don't do what's easy. Do what's hard.**

If you take the hard road, lots of lanes are open.

What your heart longs for won't be found on an escalator.

#### **3. Learn who to ignore**

You need to learn who to ignore if you want to live your life with passion.

#### **4. Live for what matters. And it's not money.**

#### **Isaiah 29:13-14**

The Lord says:

"These people come near to me with their mouth

and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.

Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder;

the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish."

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#### **Discussion Questions**

**This is homework more than a discussion guide. Answer the questions as specifically as you can. We won't put you on the spot with your answers. But we will talk about this process.**

1. What do you want to set your heart to learn about God in the next three months?

What would you love to know better at the end of the summer? What will you read?

What conversations will you have? What do people keep asking you about God? What question keeps coming up? What do you say, "I wish I knew more about why God

\_\_\_\_\_"

God helping me, I want to learn as much as I can about:

2. What will you have to give up doing in order to accomplish that learning?  
What 'addictions' have to stop? What accountability do you want to put in place?

God's been reminding me that my attention is being spent on:

So here's how I will learn to refocus my attention (specific actions):

1.

2.

3.

3. What are the names of the people whose voices you know you need to stop paying attention to? What critics are you allowing to run your feelings? (Read through Psalm 1:1-2. It talks about who to avoid.)

Who it is

What they tell me

Why it's killing me

4. What do you actually want to live for?

Try this exercise:

Fill in the blanks: I'll be content if, at the end of my life I can say "I don't have much \_\_\_\_\_ but at least God allowed me to \_\_\_\_\_."