

Intro

- Class of 2014
- Mention Student Conference

Scripture

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- Perfectionist

Story of trying to win a state championship

- That was our goal
- 20-3 going to the playoffs
- we were as close to perfect as any team I had ever been on, but we still came up short.

Tension

I'M NOT PERFECT

- How can I be a witness if I'm not perfect?
- How can I follow Jesus if I'm not perfect?
(romans says we all fall short of God's glorious standard)
- The phrase, “what would Jesus do?”
 - It's great but if we interpret it as “ I need to be perfect, just like Jesus”
 - we always come up short.

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Jesus is calling us to...

MAIN POINT

DEPENDANCE OVER PERFECTION

Illustration (Story)

(Have plant illustration)

- the vine is what gives nutrition and life to the branches
 - (anyone like to eat?)
- In order to have life it must be connected
- **If it's not connected, its not alive**

Application

- We have to be connected
- **It all comes back to Jesus**
- Are you connected?
- **Connection requires dependance**
- This requires connection
 - We need connection to Jesus.
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- When I am weak then He is strong (2 Corinthians 12:10)

Challenge (This week)

- **When we are connected the question goes to “What could Jesus do?”**
 - Faith Christian School
 - Your neighborhood
 - Your friend group ?

Close

(opportunity to process)

Illustration

Action (give every person in the room something to do)

Leaving thought/ Challenge

The Strongest thing you could do is depend on Jesus.

Response

- those who feel like they need to come back to connection raise their hand.
- Pray over them.

(Think through options that everyone can do)