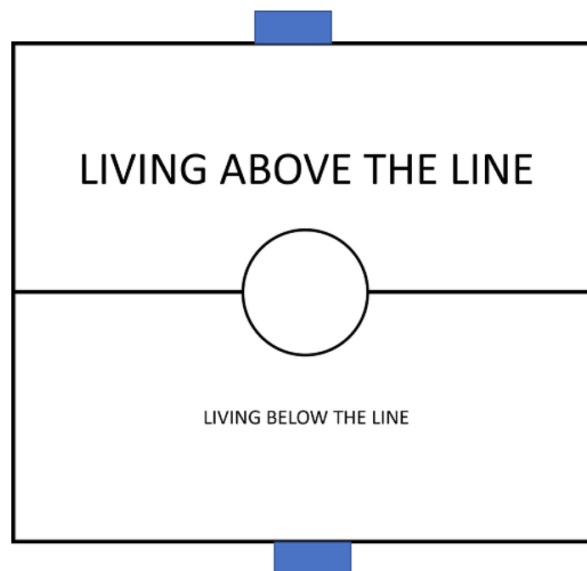




FC GRACE – MESSAGE PRINCIPAL

LIVING ABOVE THE LINE



Living above the line is centered on abiding in Christ. As we trust in the finished work of the cross, allowing Holy Spirit to transform us, we move into greater dependency on God and see ourselves and our abilities in increasing humility in contrast to God's character. This does not mean we will never experience trials, hurts and tribulations; we live in a fallen world, but we depend on God for meeting our needs. We are free from the prison of our flesh and old corrupted beliefs systems that tormented us. We live a life of victory.

As a result, we experience the fruit of the Spirit: love, peace, patience, joy, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. When we are abiding in Christ, trusting Him for all our needs, we are a blessing to others.

The coach understands the role of a servant leader, one who puts others first and submits himself to God in all relationships and circumstances.

How do we test ourselves? How do we become aware of where we are operating? God is seeking hearts who love him more than anything else. The quickest and most effective question we can ask ourselves is this. Is your love for God greater than what you are doing right now?

Characteristics and Behaviors of Life Above the Line



Trust, humility, transparency, loving, compassion, shalom peace, sincere, kind, doing right, victorious, selfless-serving, joyful, resilient, steadfast, enduring, seeking, walking in faith & belief. These are just a few of the characteristics of a believer living above the line.

Where is God?

- God cares for me
- God knows me
- God saved me
- God loves me
- God is grace
- God does exist
- God is faithful

What are the Beliefs?

- I am unique
- I am lovable
- I am holy and righteous
- I have true value
- I have a destiny
- I am a child of God
- I see value in others because God sees value
- I am willing to die to my old self because it has never been sufficient in comparison to a life with Jesus
- I believe Jesus lived, died, and rose and is seated at the Right Hand of God

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Romans 6:6



We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

Romans 6:14

For sin will have no dominion over you since you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 7:5-6

For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Prayer

Dear Father, I am so grateful that you sent Jesus to take my place, take all my sins and give me all His righteousness. Help me to walk out of this truth, that my old self has been crucified with Christ, and I have been set free to live the life you intended for me, doing the work which you prepared beforehand.

Lord, help my trust to grow, my worship to increase and my awe and wonder of you to never stop as I grow in your love and fellowship. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.