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NEWSLETTER

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ON FRIDAY MORNING THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CAME INTO MY OFFICE AND INFORMED ME THAT HE RECEIVED A VOICEMAIL AND THAT I NEEDED TO HEAR IT. I WAS CONCERNED. IT'S NOT USUALLY A GOOD THING WHEN I AM ASKED TO LISTEN TO A VOICEMAIL LEFT FOR ANOTHER STAFF MEMBER. AS THE VOICEMAIL BEGAN, THE CALLER STATED THAT SHE WAS THE MOM OF A STUDENT FROM CONNERSVILLE. MY HEART SANK. I KNEW THE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM WAS RECENTLY AT CONNERSVILLE FOR A MEET. AS SHE CONTINUED TO SPEAK, I REALIZED THAT SHE WAS NOT CALLING TO COMPLAIN OR REPORT ANYTHING INAPPROPRIATE. SHE WAS CALLING TO EXPRESS HER GRATITUDE. SHE WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE KINDNESS OUR STUDENTS DISPLAYED.

ACCORDING TO THIS MOTHER THERE WAS A STUDENT ON AN OPPOSING TEAM THAT WAS VERY SLOW. AS THE RACE WAS COMING TO AN END, THE STUDENT WAS BRINGING UP THE REAR AND WAS RUNNING ALONE. THE COACH OF OUR TEAM BEGAN TO CHEER FOR THE STUDENT AND HE ENCOURAGED THE STUDENTS TO DO THE SAME. BUT OUR STUDENTS WANTED TO NOT ONLY CHEER BUT RUN ALONG WITH HIM TO THE END. AS IT HAPPENED PARENTS STARTED PULLING THEIR PHONES OUT TO TAKE PICTURES.

WHEN I'VE SHARED THIS STORY OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS PEOPLE COMMENT THAT IT BRINGS TEARS TO THEIR EYES. WHY? WHY DOES THE THOUGHT OF THIS LEVEL OF KINDNESS STIR UP AN EMOTIONAL RESPONSE?

HEBREWS 10:23-25 SAYS:

"LET US HOLD FAST THE CONFESSION OF OUR HOPE WITHOUT WAVERING, FOR HE WHO PROMISED IS FAITHFUL. ²⁴ AND LET US CONSIDER HOW TO STIR UP ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS, ²⁵ NOT NEGLECTING TO MEET TOGETHER, AS IS THE HABIT OF SOME, BUT ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER, AND ALL THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY DRAWING NEAR."

I HOPE THAT AS WE CONTINUE ON THIS RACE THAT WE AS A BODY CAN SEE WHEN ONE OF US MIGHT BE TRAILING BEHIND. I HOPE THAT WE WILL SEE THE NEEDS AROUND US AND WILL RALLY TOGETHER TO CHEER ON AND ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER.

ADAM MCDANIEL