



Audio Disc: #16



Visual Disc: #11

Artist: Worth Dying For
Album: Worth Dying For

Theme:
Courage -
Stand and Fight

Devotional 19 UNITE WORTH DYING FOR

1 Start Up

Take a large newspaper-style rubber band and have a "Two-Headed Monster Race." The students will be divided up into two large groups and those groups will be broken down into pairs. The pairs will stand behind the starting line, back-to-back with a rubber band across their foreheads...understand, one rubber band connects both heads, holding them together. The connected pair must then run to a designated point and turn back, heading to the finish line for the next pair. Students may walk sideways or one in front of the other - it's their choice. Get the camera out for this one! Every once in awhile a rubber band will shoot off to who knows where. This game will get a lot of laughs.

2 Get Focused

When the game is over, start a conversation with your group about cause-and-effect situations in everyday life. You might use scientific examples such as dropping a small object onto the ground in order to demonstrate gravity, or bouncing

balls off of one another to show the "equal and opposite reaction" theory. The purpose is to show a definite and expected result following a specific action, and to relate this to the idea that we, as believers, can stand strong in our struggle because we are confident in the final outcome. You may also decide to relate the idea of a "definite outcome" to everyday activities, such as training to build a stronger, healthier body or planting a tree or garden. Explain that, while the waiting period may be long and sometimes arduous, the final result is most definite.

Romans 8:18-21

- 1) If there is, indeed, "no comparison" to be made between the present and the future as Paul says, how might that change our attitude toward our struggles as believers?
- 2) What might Paul mean when he says that creation is being "held back"? Why might God be doing something like this? In what sorts of situations can we see the effects of delayed gratification in our own lives?

3 Wind Down

As you conclude, play the song, "Worth Dying For," and talk about what it means to be in a "fight" while we are in this world. What are we struggling against? Why? What are we fighting for? In what sorts of ways can we prepare ourselves for this fight on a daily basis? How can we help one another to keep from "backing down"? In what ways can we remind ourselves of the glory that awaits us? Encourage your students to be extremely honest about their daily doubts and struggles.

What sorts of things tempt them to give up? Have any of them ever actually given up on something? Why can we be as confident about our destiny as God's children as we are about things like gravity? Remind them of the strength that God gives them to run this race and pray with them that they would be encouraged to continue running this race.