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# **Words of Stille**

News from Jeremiah Castille Foundation October 2011 Spotlighting JCF and UA



#### The Fate That Binds Us



"Accept the things to which fate binds you, and love the people with whom fate brings you together, but do so with all your heart." ~ Marcus Aurelius

Marcus Aurelius was the name my dad jokingly gave my brother Marc. For no reason other than it was a fun name to say. Later on in life. I wondered who Marcus Aurelius was so I looked him up. Aurelius was a Roman Emperor who was revered as a man of ability with a sense of duty who sacrificed his own delights and interests to the well-being of the state. Ironically, I thought of Marcus Aurelius after a Saturday spent at the Leland Shopping Center in Alberta City, helping feed nearly 10,000 people, along with the fine

volunteers of Jeremiah
Castille Foundation. The
above quote came to mind
and had me thinking.
"Accept the things to
which fate binds you...."
I've seen tragedies unfold
on my TV screen way too
much in the past few years
with Katrina, Haiti and
Japan. My heart hurt for
those people and I wanted
to do so much more than
text Red Cross and give my
donation.

April 27, 2011, brought new meaning to the beginning of this quote. Suddenly, we knew how they felt. We knew the pain and anxiety that came along with wondering where to begin to pick up the pieces. I wasn't in Tuscaloosa that fateful day, but so much of me is in Tuscaloosa. It was like my soul was struck by that storm. Seeing the images, hearing the stories, knowing my home away from home would never be the same. The city that I've lived in the longest thus far had a deep scar in it. I couldn't get down there quick enough. I wanted to get in my car,

make the drive from Atlanta, put on some gloves and get to work. That moves me on to the next part of Aurelius' words, "and love the people with whom fate brings you together,"

I wasn't able to get there as quickly as I would have liked. The President's visit hindered my plans and I had to just sit and wait for another opportunity to arise. That opportunity came when I had the privilege of working with Jeremiah Castille Foundation. We were assigned to the Leland Shopping Center a couple weeks after the storm hit. We were welcomed by Coach Don Staley, former women's soccer coach at the University of Alabama. Coach Staley is a man amongst men. Coach had been cooking from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. going on Day 9 when we arrived. He was upbeat, energetic and an inspiration to us all. If he thanked us once, he thanked us a dozen times for coming and lending a hand.

#### The Faith that Binds Us (continued)

As we arrived, we immediately went to work. We divided up into our separate stations and did whatever was asked of us. Our group was diligent and obedient. I was incredibly impressed with the group of young people with us, who I'm sure would have much rather spent their Saturday afternoon hanging out somewhere other than a disaster area serving faceless people.



Whether unloading trucks, collecting garbage, preparing bags and bags of lunches, distributing clothes, translating for medics, giving prayer cards or lending an ear for those who just wanted to tell their story, it was a day I will never forget.

While a lot of work, they did it and did it well. I love those kids. It's the first time I had met them. but I love those kids for their tenacity and spunk, for their willingness and desire, for their unselfish service and more importantly, I love those kids for their presence and their representation of the new generation. They are proof that God continues to work through our young people and our future generations will continue to thrive, especially in the face of adversity. To that, Aurelius was right that we "love the people with whom fate brings" us together.

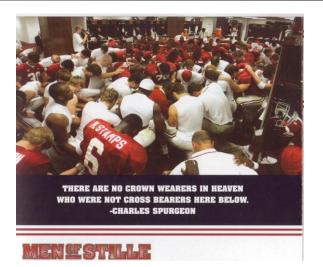
Finally, "to do so with all your heart", the Jeremiah Castille Foundation has been so blessed to have volunteers who do things with all their hearts. There is no other word for the volunteers we had. There was no fame and no glory that went with the work that was done that day.

It was pure heart and a true sense of duty. Spending Saturday with the wonderful volunteers of Jeremiah Castille Foundation and countless other beautiful souls, I can "accept the fate that binds" us. It was difficult seeing the city I love in shambles, but it was easier to take when surrounded by loving people with hearts full of service and compassion. It was easier to have hope for the future of the city and the future of our fragile world, knowing there are people out there willing, ready and able to do the work that binds us all.



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University of Alabama Men of Stille Chapel Program



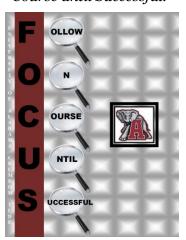
#### Men of Stille (continued)

Kicking off the 2011 UA football program,
Jeremiah spoke at the team's fall meeting held at the Mal Moore's Athletic Facility. As Chaplain of the University of Alabama football team, Jeremiah has the unique opportunity to help prepare student athletes and assist the coaching staff. Chapel is held weekly prior to each game during football season.

Additionally, Jeremiah is available to meet with

student athletes and coaches on an as needed basis and serves as Chaplain during recruitment events. Strong leadership on and off the field and building a foundation for success in life requires a solid mental attitude, physical fortitude and spiritual strength of which he strives to build in each athlete.

This volunteer position funded by Jeremiah Castille Foundation allows us to contribute to the lives of tomorrow's leaders. The team message for 2011 is "Focus", Follow on Course until Successful.



#### Dunamis A Campus Ministry of the University of Alabama

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Article by: Ryan Campbell, UA Student

**Dunamis Campus Ministries** is a student ministry at the University of Alabama sponsored by Jeremiah Castille Foundation. Jeremiah has poured into this ministry on a weekly basis for over 10 years. The ministry is focused on training champions of faith so that students can walk in power across a campus in desperate need of a touch from Jesus. Jeremiah has powerfully instilled in us a love and devotion to the Word of God as our only source of authority, life, and guidance. Through his teachings from the Bible and stories of his experiences with God, he

has helped restore hope in the lives of many young adults. In a culture where we see so much about self, Jeremiah displays selflessness so that we can see that marriages actually can work, jobs truly are not where we find our identity and lives of faith and truth overcome sight and fact. As we press on into the beginning of this school year, we have high expectations of what the Holy Spirit wants to do on this campus, this city, this state and even in this world through a group of young believers who are being transformed by the Word on a continual basis. We at Dunamis truly appreciate all that Jeremiah and the foundation have done knowing that this has

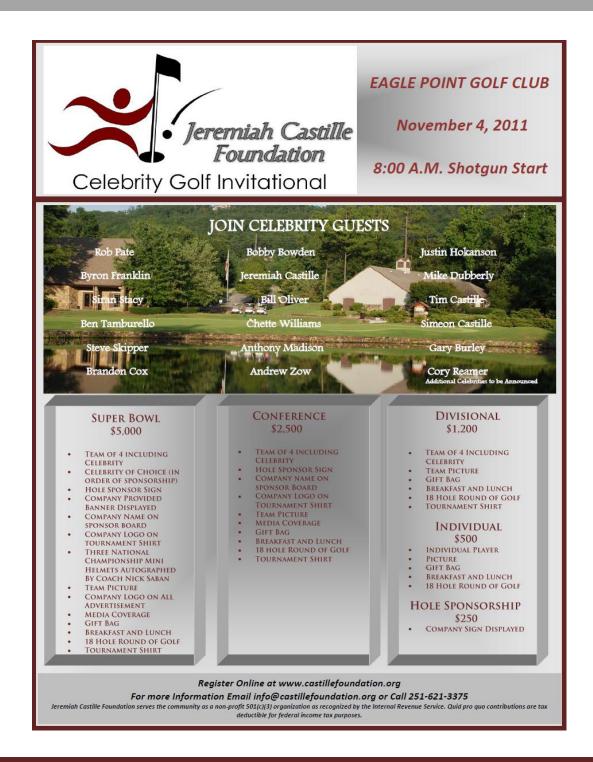
brought life-long change in our lives. We now see Dunamis in light of 1 Timothy 4:12 "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."



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#### Castille Corner

An Update on the Castille Family Written by: Haley Hunt Castille

I love the fact that inside the Jeremiah Castille Foundation we all are family. Getting to share the latest scoop on what God's doing with the Castille kid's (CK) is not only exciting, but so comfortable because if you're reading this article, you are family.

It's like spring around here, "new" is sprouting up everywhere. With a little gorgeous fireball and one more on the way, Tim, the oldest CK and his super-model wife Dee, are needless to say, excited about the latest. After finishing an incredible season with the Kansas City Chiefs and a post season surgery, Tim has been rehabbing his knee at Dr. Andrews in Birmingham. Now that another NFL season has approached, the opportunity to play is very likely; but waiting for the right team and the right opportunity is first priority for them.

Tim and the second oldest CK, Simeon, have spent the off season together. Whether training, going to the movies or visiting their new friend, Colton, a teen boy fighting cancer, their time together has been great.

In August, Simeon went to NFL pre-season camp with the Minnesota Vikings. He had a successful few weeks, but after a strained hamstring injury, he was released. He and I are residing

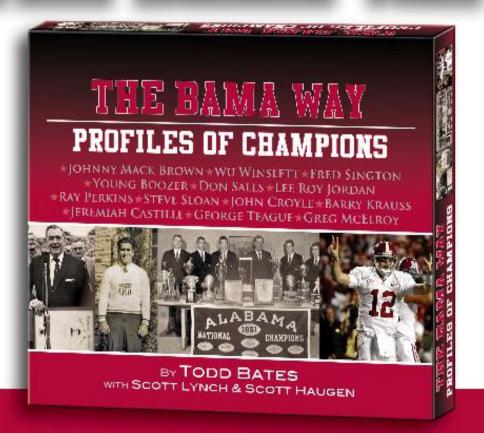
in Birmingham and waiting for God to open the next door. We are proprietors of *iammermaid*, LLC, an inspirational t-shirt clothing line. Visit the ministry online at www.mrssonshine.com. Additionally, I am a contributing writer for local magazines and tidefans.com. I hope that you will check out my articles.

The third male CK, Caleb, is joining the Castille family tradition and playing football at Alabama. With off season workouts, Caleb missed most of the family action this summer. As you can guess, playing for the Tide isn't just any 'ole opportunity and this freshman has seen that hard work definitely pays off.

The gorgeous Castille ladies are putting their education first. The oldest, Leah, beautiful as ever, is studying social work at The University of Alabama and the second oldest, Rachel, is studying Public Relations at Shelton State. Danielle is the youngest CK and is a senior at Briarwood Christian School.

God has truly blessed Jeremiah and Jean with a beautiful family and we, the CK kids, are even more blessed to have such Godloving and honorable parents, in Jeremiah and Jean Castille.

Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, Simeon joined the United Football League with the Virginia Destroyers as a CB. To read more about the Destroyers and Simeon visit http://www.uflfootball.com/virginia-destroyers.



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Nehemiah 2: 17-18 NKJV

Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusalem *lies* waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach." <sup>18</sup> And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands

to this good work.

# STILLE MOMENTS

Quiet Time with God By Jeremiah Castille

### Let us Rise and Build



Let us Rise and Build is a concept that offers a challenge and gives an opportunity for growth. As in 586 BC or today, we are blessed to be able to rise and build. Whether man's destruction, natural disaster, football or our personal lives, we are faced with circumstances that allow us to rise and build.

In around 586 BC, the wall in Jerusalem was in shambles and broken down in several places and the people cried when Nehemiah shared with them the condition of the wall. The walls were destroyed by the enemies of Israel. Nehemiah challenged the people to come together and restore the wall in Jerusalem to its former glory.

On April 27, 2011, our state experienced destruction from nature and the cry of the people is "Let us Rise and Build". The tornado wreaked havoc on the businesses, homes and families. As with Nehemiah, we are challenged to come together as a city and restore Tuscaloosa and other areas of our state to their glory.

During chapel for the University of Alabama and Arkansas game, I shared with the team the story that Nehemiah told the people of Jerusalem. I challenged them to look at Tuscaloosa and the conditions of the city and as Nehemiah's challenge to the people of Jerusalem, I challenged the team to rise and build. "Let us Rise and Build" a 2011 season that will be remembered for decades.

The scriptures in Nehemiah 2:17-18 gives the command to carry out a task. In our lives there is a task or job to be done and with every task there is a need to respond. True champions on and off the field respond to tasks with unwavering obedience and through obedience comes glory. All of us can experience glory in our lives if we will respond to the command and complete the task with obedience.

"Rise and Build" the walls of Jerusalem, the cities destroyed by natural disaster, the 2011 football season or areas in your personal lives that may be broken. Dear saint, respond the command to "Rise and Build" and experience God's glory in your life.

In Christ,



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