

HANG IN THERE - Lay Talk - Third Day

THIS TALK SHOULD BE NO LONGER THAN 15 MINUTES!

CORE IDEAS:

- How to hang onto your friendship with God
- Things to do with your friendship with God
- The Church - The Community of Faith

LORD'S PRAYER

(Note to the Speaker: Please use personal witness throughout the talk to illustrate each point.)

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Speaker introduces self
- B. Speaker gives title of the talk
- C. Remind to take notes

II. WHAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED THIS WEEKEND IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF A FOREVER AND EVER AND EVER FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD. GOD LOVES YOU!

- A. God is our forever friend. He has never left us and He never will.
- B. This weekend was not prepared just so we could have a good time. It is our hope and prayer that this weekend changed your life forever.

III. WE ALL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY IN THREE AREAS.

- A. TO OURSELVES.
 - 1. Pray. Talk to God regularly.
 - 2. Study His word in the Bible.
- B. TO CHRIST

1. Stay connected to Jesus by going to church regularly. The church is the community of faith. It is a group of people who have faith in God, Jesus Christ and each other. All of the team members are members of the community of faith.

2. Personal witness of speaker as to how the community of faith has sustained him/her.

C. TO OTHERS

1. If Christ is in your heart you must share Christ's love with others.

2 . Support others, forgive others, love others. You may be the only Bible anyone ever reads.

IV. YOU ARE NOT ALONE

A. It's not going to be easy – we know that – but the feeling you have now can last forever, if you keep your friendship with God. Philippians 4:13

B. Remember you have a family, the family of God. We love you, your brother Jesus loves you and God loves you. Nothing, nothing will ever change His love for you!

C. Personal witness of speaker on how you have “Hung in There” through life’s difficulties.

Place puzzle piece in the puzzle at the end of the talk.