

Sacrifice

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Flyleaf Concert @ Six Flags: (Illustration)

I don't know what you may have already heard about Flyleaf, but let me share my version of the story with you. Let me tell you about me, a grown man, crying in a hard rock concert. Lacey Mosley, the lead singer explained the powerful meaning behind each song, before the band performed them...

Before the song, "Cassie", Lacey reminded us about Cassie Bernal, one of the students who died @ the school shootings in Columbine, CO. One of the shooters put a gun to Cassie's head and shouted at her, "Do you believe in God!?" She said, "YES!" And immediately she was shot, and went to meet God. Cassie was willing to give her life for what she believed. Lacey of Flyleaf went on to share that she believes "this is a generation that is willing to die for what they believe." When she said that the crowd roared in agreement... God began to speak to me at that moment. As they played that song and the next few songs, I stood there weeping and lifting my hands, as God spoke to me about this generation. **PLAY SONG - Flyleaf "CASSIE"**

God's desire is that this be a generation who live lives

of sacrifice... God is raising up a group of people from you, today's teens, that are willing to stand for what they believe, even unto death. God is raising up a BOLD generation... and I am so overwhelmed that I get to be a part of what God is doing with you.

1. **God is raising up a generation who will serve Him BY LIFE or BY DEATH.**

Paul was in prison for his faith when he wrote the book of Philippians. He expected that at any moment they could execute Him, and he penned these words...

Read **Philip. 1:19-22a NIV**

Paul wanted to honor God with his death, **just as he did** with his life. I don't know if my life or your life will be threatened for our faith, but if our lives are threatened what will we do??? We make that decision NOW!!! **If we aren't willing to LIVE for God, we will never be willing to DIE for God.**

2. **Are You Living a Life of Sacrifice**

Read **Romans 12:1 NIV**

God's Word calls us to live lives of sacrifice.

ASK: What does it mean to live a life of sacrifice???

Is God pleased w/ our actions??? Are we living our lives like they are offerings that we can give to God, or would our lives be unacceptable in His sight? Do we stand for what we believe in with our words, and ACTIONS?

Altar Call w/ song "By Life, By Death" -FIRE CD

