

Richmond Hill Baptist Church  
June 26, 2011  
Graduation, Infinity and Beyond (1 Timothy 6:11-16)

Prelude & Prayer Time

Call to Worship: *Forever*

Welcome: Welcome, it is good to see you. Marisa and I have some special guests up from KY. Gladie and Ella Green we love you and we are glad that are you here. If you are a guest thank you for joining us today. Please fill out a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate when it comes by. Let's take a moment and greet one another.

Sing: *Praise Adonai, Filled With Your Glory, Because of Your Love, Great is Your Glory*

Children's Corner:

Offering: CNBC (Paulo)

Offertory: Song of Hope

Sermon: **Graduation, Infinity and Beyond**

In preparation for the upcoming convention we have had some folks working hard behind the scenes. I want to say a special thanks to John & Jarod Jordan, Thomas Verboom, and Timothy MacArthur for their work on building & grounds. They have been painting walls, doors, and the stripes in the parking lot. You guys are multi-talented and we are thankful for you.

This is Buzz Lightyear. For those who are having a hard time seeing this guy – I have a picture of him on the big screen. Buzz Lightyear is a space ranger action figure who starred in the Toy Story 1, 2, & 3. Tim Allen, from Tim the Tool Man, is the voice beyond this computer animated character. Javier Fernandez-Peña is the voice for the Spanish Buzz in Toy Story 3. You gotta love the reset button. Buzz Lightyear is a brave and daring character and he is known for the catch phrase: "Infinity & Beyond!"

Graduation is one of the launch pads that spring boards us into next level of life that takes us into the great beyond.

I remember when I graduated from High School my parents for a graduation gift gave me a set of luggage. I'm thinking Buzz probably got a stun gun and I got luggage.

Hmm! I'm looking back at the luggage wondering: Is this your symbolic way of kicking me out and launching me into the great unknown: Infinity and Beyond.

Parents and teachers do their best to prepare graduates for the next level of life. In the scripture we see Paul preparing his young protégé for the next level of life and ministry. Let's see what we can learn from Paul.

### **1 Timothy 6:11-12**

*But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue (follow) righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

## **Three Markers to Guide You on Your Journey of Life**

### **1. Flee Materialism and Evil.**

**1 Timothy 6:11-12:** *But you, man of God, flee from all this*

### **1 Timothy 6:6-10**

*But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup> People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

### **2. Follow God and His Ways.**

### **1 Timothy 6:11-16**

*But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue **righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.***

KJV: The word pursue is follow.

Pursue God! Follow me (Jesus, 22 x's)

**Jewish saying:** *There was an old Jewish saying that said to follow a rabbi was to "be covered with the dust of his feet."*

## **DVD Preview: Not A Fan – This Fall**

CD: Video Files, Trailers, 3 Minute Trailer

### 3. Fight the Good Fight of the Faith.

1 Timothy 6:12

*Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

Many Christian High School Graduates go off to college and university and they walk away from their faith. They are casualties of war.

**Toy Story 3:** (not my favourite, Big Baby and the Cruel Teddy Bear)

#### **Buzz Spanish Mode**

Captured by the cruel Teddy Bear and set on demo mode and forgets about his friends Woody & Jesse and the rest of the toys. Buzz imprisons his buddies until they take him down and push his reset button when goes into Spanish mode. Ultimately a TV falls on him and he goes back to normal and he fights for his friends.

1 Timothy 6:12

*Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

#### **Recognition of our Graduates** (Cards & Bibles)

High School:

Kaitlyn Burchnall  
Ed Chung  
Matthew Fergel  
Shelby Martin  
Christine Mukoro  
Taylor OdiShawDyck

College:

Adensunkanmi Latilo: Bachelor of Arts Honours in Economics  
(University of Guelph, Ontario)  
Meghan Besler: Bachelor of Science in Freshwater Science)  
(University of British Columbia, Okanagan)

Seminary:

Caireen Likely: Master of Divinity with Biblical Languages, Honours  
(Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary, Cochrane)

#### **Charge to the Graduates**

1. Flee Materialism and Evil.
2. Follow God and His Ways.
3. Fight the Good Fight of the Faith.

1 Timothy 6:13-16

<sup>13</sup> *In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, **I charge you** <sup>14</sup> **to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,** <sup>15</sup> which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.*

Response: *I Will Follow*

Pray for our Graduates  
Struggling with Materialism or some other evil  
Resolve to Follow God  
Confession of Faith

Announcements:

1. Sign Ups for Pancake Breakfast, Sports Camps, and the Convention
2. Register online for the CNBC activities: Ranch, Youth, Kids, Training, Meals
2. Business Meeting Tonight at 6:30 pm

Have a great week!

Postlude: *Because of Your Love*