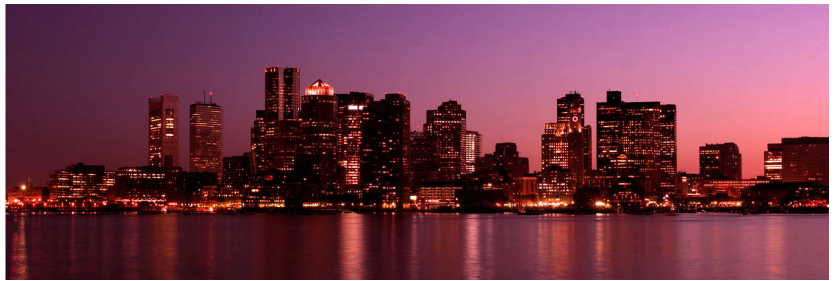


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Joe and the boys take on the Eagle's Challenge

Go Big or Go Home.

The Guy in the filmstrip below is Joe. He's about to eat a three pound hamburger with a dozen slices of cheese and two pounds of fries. And while eating that much food in one sitting is never a good idea, we think that growing our ministry around guys like Joe certainly is a good idea.

Joe's a senior involved in Air Force ROTC at BU. ROTC teaches students to be leaders but the gospel makes him more effective as a leader and developer of men. His heart is expanding for the men around him. The result: quality men are bubbling up around him: Jeremiah, an Army ROTC guy; his roommate Josh (also ROTC); some of the freshmen guys in his Air Force Wing; not to mention Nick (who we mentioned in our last prayer letter). God has grabbed Joe's heart and it's exciting to see how that draws other men to him and to the Lord.

It's really amazing to watch how much Joe has grown spiritually in the last two years. He's leading a men's life group in West Campus at BU. He's reading his bible and memorizing scripture. He's thinking missionally about his friends. This weekend, he's working with us to take a dozen guys on a Man's Retreat. I love getting to see God work. It's a privilege to be present as students begin relationships with the Lord (Malisa just saw a girl from Simmons trust Christ this week). But it's also fun to see how he continues to work. Once he begins a good work in our students' lives, he carries it on to completion.

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All that brings us back to the Eagle's Challenge. Joe knows that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. So a few weeks ago, Joe challenged us all to eat a massive amount of meat at Eagle's Deli near BU. Why do we do things like this? There's something incredibly bonding about confronting large amounts of grilled meats as a team. For the record, I (Brian) only ate a half pound burger. My metabolism isn't the same as a college student that's headed into the military and captains a flag football team anymore (actually, I never had that kind of metabolism). Now, I love hamburgers, but three pounds of beef – that's ridiculous! And so...at two and a half pounds in – that's 5 1/2 pound patties, Joe and Jeremiah both stopped. The man in them wanted to compete and win. But the gospel helps them know when to stop.

These are the sorts of men God is raising up in our ministry here in Boston – men who love being men but also love Jesus and care for the people around them.

You can watch these guys take the "Eagle's Challenge" at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVz68Rg2HF4. Your prayers allow us to share the gospel here in this great city. **Loving our Adventurous Lord,**

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Would you Pray

- For Joe and the guys in his West Campus life group. That they would continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord.
- For the guys who'll be joining me this weekend in Gloucester for a Men's Overnight - that they'd bond, open up, and have fun together.