



Views from Little Round Top - part of the high ground south and east of town

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Dear Friends,

When General Buford from the Union army rode into Gettysburg 150 years ago and saw the terrain, he knew that the high ground south and east of town would be the key deciding factor in the outcome of the battle. He saw the probable future that the Confederates would have that all important high ground if nothing changed. But he also had the foresight to see a preferred future, the Union having the high ground. Jay Lorenzen, our teacher for the week, helped us see that foresight involves seeing what is, what will be, and what could be. It is seeing the future and knowing what needs to be done.

I certainly see the value of foresight. As a leader, the hardest part for me is knowing what needs to be done to be able to take a situation from what will likely be to what could be. Thankfully, I can turn to the Lord and ask Him to bring about His desired outcome and to lead me toward that. Also, I don't have to do it all alone. I have others with whom I can talk, pray, think, plan, and act. We are in a battle for people's souls and so it really matters. Please pray for me to grow in my ability to know what needs to be done in my various leadership situations to head toward the Lord's desired outcomes. Last week in Gettysburg was great. So many experiences and lessons applicable to my leadership situations. I was grateful to be there.

On a much different note, Monday's bombing at the marathon continues to be on everyone's mind. It has been a difficult week for so many. I can't help but think of those who awakened on Tuesday morning glad to be alive yet facing a new reality of life missing an arm or a leg. I find myself praying for them to have peace, courage, and hope. Please pray for our staff in Boston as they minister to the students. Many are wrestling through important issues.

Thank you for your prayers and your partnership. Together we have an impact in people's lives.

Dependent upon the Lord,



Learning lessons on leadership  
on the trail ride.