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RESPONSIBILITY

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CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCTION

We are compelled to live no longer for ourselves but for Christ. We are called to reach our state and be a place where it doesn't matter who you are, where you've been, what you've done or what's been done to you... you can look for God within our doors. To reach and expand throughout Iowa, we need to close the gaps in our resources, relationships and responsibilities. This weekend we learn how, throughout the Bible, simple acts of obedience lead to fruition of great vision.

DISCUSSION

1. The Bible has many illustrations of visions which were accompanied with uncertainty and sacrifice. Which story first comes to mind for you?
2. Review 2 Samuel 23. What kinds of men came to David? How are they different from Iowans? How are they the same?
3. If discontent is what makes real people meet uncertainty with real sacrifice, what discontent leads to the acts of everyday heroes?

THINK ABOUT IT

"This decision demands a major national commitment of scientific and technical manpower, material and facilities, and the possibility of their diversion from other important activities where they are already thinly spread. It means a degree of dedication, organization and discipline which have not always characterized our research and development efforts. It means we cannot afford undue work stoppages, inflated costs of material or talent, wasteful inter-agency rivalries, or a high turnover of key personnel."

When John F. Kennedy spoke these words in his Special Message to Congress on May 25, 1961, he knew for the United States to place a man on the moon before the end of the decade, the nation would need to be united in vision and close the gaps. Nearly 50 years later, we remember, not what it took to close the gaps, but the vision and awe of accomplishing it.

DO SOMETHING

1. Prayerfully consider what sacrifices you can make. Seek your discontent. How can you contribute to the vision? How can you resolve your discontent?
2. Reach out to your "Little Iowa" this week. What can you do to encourage others? What plans to reach out can you put into action?