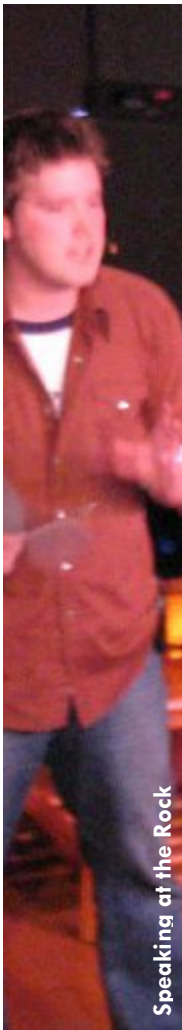




### A Turning of the Tide



Speaking at the Rock

It is with urgency that I write to you. First for how I have neglected you for the past several months. I apologize for not keeping you informed of what Christie and I have been doing. Secondly we truly do need your continued partnership both in prayer and financially. We are entering the time of year that demands the most of us. Here are the challenges laid before us:

#### Challenge #1 – New Freshmen

The fall is our time to reach out to the new freshmen and provide them an out from the usual onslaught of worldly impurity, rampant deceptions and encompassing immorality. As I have been out on campus and spent time in the dorms I have been hit square in the face with the filth of our society, how it calls women to be prey and men to be predators.

Galatians 5 warns against “sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these” and calls everyone strongly to the fruit of the spirit: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control”.

Please pray that God would keep us from the works of the flesh and give us a supernatural ability to yield the fruit of the spirit as we interact with **young men and women** indulging in the world.


#### Challenge #2 – Love and Unity

We need to have a **fresh unity** that can only come from God to join together the students that still live in the dorms and those who have graduated and gotten full time jobs but still have many relationships within the Rock. It has been a challenge but I believe

that God has great things in store when we trust him.

Please pray for those that stay with us to reach out to the younger students, that they would encourage them with their experience. Also pray for those who are transitioning into the larger community.

#### Challenge #3 – Financial Support


Through the last two years of being supported through GCM God has truly blessed our finances. Unfortunately due to the rising costs of insurance rates, a cost of living increase and a performance based raise, coupled with several of our partners needing to discontinue their support due to various reasons, we need to get back out there and raise what we need. Currently our support has fallen to **84% of our goal**. If it hits 80% I will need to support raise full time. Please pray that God will bless our finances, get us through this tough time and bring our support back to 100%. 

### Quick Links

The Epic Summer Program here in Ames was great! We learned a lot: Check out [www.AmesEpic.com](http://www.AmesEpic.com) for details and message recordings.

We just launched a new website and logo for the Rock. Check out: [www.rockisu.com](http://www.rockisu.com)

GCM did a story on what the Rock was up to this summer. I got quoted: [www.gcmweb.org/leadership/feature.asp](http://www.gcmweb.org/leadership/feature.asp)

Don't forget to check up on how our building remodeling is going: [www.z37.org](http://www.z37.org) 

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15