

The Joy of Missing Out

The Joy of Missing Out (JOMO) is the new meme you are likely to hear more about in the months to come. It is a term [coined](#) by Anil Dash in July of 2012.

The joy of missing out is mainly being promoted by those who were caught up in FOMO (the fear of missing out) and the YOLO (you only live once) lifestyle. But now they have realized that it's too much hassle keeping up with the Kardashians or any other celebrity. They have experienced failed serial cohabitation. They have partied 'til they dropped and find it harder to get back up. Many are now living alone and trying to decide how to do that well.

It is noteworthy that the [authors](#) writing about JOMO tend to be young women, who have been in, or are in, highly sociable jobs.

JOMO promoting articles talk about making peace with your circumstances, reducing social media intake, giving thanks for

the relationships you actually have, and learning to live – or to go out to dinner – alone.



JOMO is a noteworthy need finding expression among “quarter-lifers” (those who have recently turned 25.) In a hyper-stressed, media-deluged, FOMO/YOLO world, this is a sign of sanity and an opportunity for bringing the gospel to those who have had enough.



Fifty Shades Darker

Fifty Shades of Grey (FSOG) has sold 100 million copies and is the world's fastest selling paperback. It was the trailer for this week's #1 film, *Lucy*. It the [most viewed](#) YouTube movie trailer ever. It is already in your teen's face even though the movie won't come out until Valentine's Day weekend.

If you don't know anything about FSOG, congratulations. Having said that, parents need to know at least a bit in order to have a conversation with their teens. FSOG glorifies a relationship between an 18-year-old girl and a 28-year-old man who is very successful and very controlling. The relationship revolves around [BDSM](#) and is very broken.

When you see an advertisement for the movie you have a great teaching opportunity. FSOG, like BDSM, promotes sexual slavery, selfishness, inflicting pain, and the humiliation of others as normal and exciting. This is simply wrong. Teens need to know the difference between an unhealthy sexual relationship and a healthy one.

Sex should never offend another's dignity and should not be self-oriented. It should serve the purposes for which God created it: procreation and uniting a man and a woman in a marriage of mutual love, service, and honor.



FSOG author, E.L. James, is 51, married to the father of her two sons, and attends St. Benedict Catholic Church in London. *Fifty Shades Darker* is the title of the second book of her trilogy.

It's More Than Just Winning

Boys become men by being around men and doing the things that men do: compete, lead, follow, fight for a common prize, and celebrate victory.



Maryland United

At the end of June the Work of Christ Community in Lansing, Michigan, hosted the North American soccer tournament for the Sword of the Spirit communities and their outreaches. Over 150 young men participated. The tournament was a fiesta of teamwork, strength under control, and mutual encouragement braced by blistering competition. International and regional friendships were forged as men played through pain in the fight for the trophy – the coveted “sippy cup.”

The Americans aren't fans of diving (acting injured or fouled) and would rather see that left for the theater. The Europeans and Latin Americans were just as unconvinced about the Americans' rough-and-tumble quality of play.

What everyone agreed on was the sense of camaraderie among the men based on a common vision of living a radical Christian life. Many noted that one of the highlights of the tournament took place off the field on Saturday night when the



players joined three hundred others for the Work of Christ's evening prayer meeting – and a variety of parties that followed.

Several hundred spectators were present for the final on Sunday afternoon, which saw the Word of Life defeat Detroit Summer Outreach in a penalty shoot-out.

There was some disagreement among those who have played in the European tournament regarding the quality of play. Most thought the best team in the North American tournament might get into the quarterfinals in the European tournament. A few rated the American best even lower. There is one way to find out: an international tournament that would draw teams from the North American and Latin American regions. In 2016 the European tournament will take place for the 25th time. That would be a fitting occasion to settle the score.



A World Stage

Soccer, like many sports, provides a platform for athletes to give a testimony to their faith. The World Cup is soccer's greatest stage. FIFA estimated 909 million viewers watched the final game.

Every game played in Rio de Janeiro featured at least one shot of the iconic statue of Christ the Redeemer. Many players made the sign of the cross – with or without personal faith.

Many of the players are known to be faithful church-goers, such as Clint Dempsey of the USA. Others are quite overt in their expression of faith, such as Tim Howard, the goalkeeper for the USA, Daniel Sturridge, a striker for England, and David Luiz, a defender from Brazil.



David Luiz praying with teammate Thiago Silva

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