

Justin Kyle Lett, "Dream Then Do in the Name of the Lord," Memorial Scholarship **Mission Statement**

Justin Lett was a young man truly set apart. From childhood until his passing, as witnessed and experienced by the innumerable amount of family and friends that will forever love him, Justin's life on this earth, rooted in his love for Jesus and passion for people, radiated through his speech, his actions, his mind and his creativity. To all who knew him personally, and to those who will hear his story, the calling on Justin's life is unmistakable. If only measured in the depth of relationship that Justin had with people all over the world, and affirmed again by all of us forever heartbroken by his passing, it is the friendship, the conversations, the triumphs, shared memories and the love, outliving us all and of eternal consequence, that distinguishes Justin from anyone else we will ever know, and helps make bearable his premature passing into Heaven. For those of us who knew Justin, and those who will learn of him in the years to come, we are all blessed indeed, to know Justin, to love Justin, and to be loved by him. As promised by our God, we will see Justin again. And as our days pass by on earth, we can cling to that promise in faith, knowing that God is true to His word and both God and Justin are waiting for us in Heaven, yet living inside of us until our time comes, and we too are called home. Justin knew and loved his Lord mightily, a walk only made possible through the gospel, and

Christ's love for humanity. And from this relationship springs forth the source of our hope, and the foundation of Justin's testimony, as evidenced in his personality, his joyous and vibrant spirit, his moxie and inescapable brilliance; a light shining on a path for future generations to follow; a young man's testimony of real and authentic love, for God and for people. The endowment in Justin's name at Valley Christian High School, the ***Justin Kyle Lett, "Dream Then Do in the Name of the Lord," Memorial Scholarship*** exists to glorify God and honor Justin's life, by annually blessing a like-minded Valley Christian student who exemplifies the same internal drive, an urgency and ambition to dream big, dream often, and courageously pursue such dreams through the calling and gifts God has given them. Through this VCHS endowment, we revere God and His work on the cross. Through this scholarship we affirm the recipient following in Justin's footsteps of compassion, kindness, inspiration, and extraordinary dedication. And through this privilege to bless and serve others in honor of Justin, we celebrate Justin's life, the consistent witness of the most beautiful person many of us will ever have the privilege of knowing, this side of Glory. Untouchable is Justin's legacy, held safe within God's hands, that in twenty-eight years, has made a lifetime of joy and Kingdom impact, with a sincerity, originality, realness, and honesty, that will live on in fullness and live on without end; forever carried within God's plan as set forth by the standard and example Justin Kyle Lett has left for us all to follow, pronounced and illuminated for all to see, by the fearlessness of Justin's heart and the generosity of his soul. ***Soli Deo gloria.***

As children of God, we believe that Jesus died and was raised again to life, that through His life, death and resurrection, His blood has paid for our sins and paid the cost that we each owe, to therefore be in right standing with God and to enter into a saving faith relationship and fellowship with Him. We believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring with Him the believers who have passed before us (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14). The passing of our loved ones is not the end of our relationship with them, but merely an interruption. We have not lost them, and they have not lost us because we know where they are. Justin is in Heaven. He is experiencing the joy of Christ's presence in a place so wonderful that Christ called it paradise. Our everlasting hope is in Jesus Christ. Until we see you again, Justin, our Lord God will comfort us with His love, peace and truth, hope and wisdom, mercy and amazing grace.

Soli Deo gloria. Philippians 3:13-14

On behalf of Justin, our family would like to thank you for your continued outpouring of love and support for Justin and our family, during this most difficult time. We have known the faithfulness of your supplications to God on our behalf, and have experienced God's power through your prayers and words of sympathy and encouragement. We are humbled by your love for Justin and for your commitment to honoring him. Thank you for being a blessing in his life while he was with us here on earth, and for your overwhelming gestures of compassion to our family.

We, Justin's parents, Randy and Debbie Lett, and Justin's brother, Joshua Lett '04, have established an endowment at Valley Christian High School in Justin's memory. Justin attended VCHS from 2004-2007, was a member of the 2007 graduating class, and loved his high school very much. He spoke often about how VCHS and the wonderful professors and coaches who mentored him were influential in growing and shaping his character, his heart for people, his love for his family and friends, and his love and commitment to Jesus. Valley Christian High School tremendously impacted Justin's life and faith, that bore fruit for all to see, until he was called Heavenward in May of 2018. The endowment is funded through the generous donations of family and friends, made in the form of check or online support, through Justin's website at www.dreamthendoforjustin.com, via the GoFundMe link found on the "Take Action" page, and on the VCHS webpage, www.vchsaz.org/DreamThenDoScholarship. The endowment at VCHS stands with the purpose to honor Justin and his love for God, people, and the gift that is life, as well to annually bless a likeminded student, who excels both in the classroom, and on a VCHS athletic team. Each annual student-athlete recipient of the **Justin Kyle Lett, "Dream Then Do in the Name of the Lord," Memorial Scholarship**, must have at least a 3.0 GPA and be actively participating as a committed member of a VCHS varsity or junior varsity athletic team.

Justin truly lived with passion in every moment, cultivating relationships, investing in those people, and making precious memories with beautiful and eternal consequences in all our lives. He was proud to have attended Valley Christian High School for all four years of his high school career, from 2004-2007, and to graduate a member of the 2007 senior class. As an underclassman, Justin played football, baseball, and wrestled, but it was his love for football that won out, and eventually became his focus in his Junior and Senior year. Over the course of Justin's VCHS Varsity football career, Justin experienced many accomplishments, and much success, both individually, and as a proud member of the Varsity team. He was a Varsity Football team captain, member of the 2005 state championship team, 2006 state-runner-up, and all-conference selection wide-receiver and defensive back, honors evidenced by his statistical numbers of successful receptions, reception yardage, and touchdowns scored. To Justin, the greatest recognition he received as a captain of the VCHS football team, and the most valuable contribution made, was to be a leader for Christ and an encourager to others. Justin considered it the highest of privileges to grow spiritually with his teammates, and champion others in the race of life, on and off the football field. Justin was extraordinarily gifted in maintaining kingdom perspective, and emitting joy with a sweet spirit. As a byproduct, he was quick to love others and help anyone that he could at any time, a result of the overflow of Christ's love within him. Being a faithful follower of Christ, a loyal son, brother, teammate, and friend are the most important responsibilities Justin considered himself to have, and the greatest of honors. As displayed by his beautiful life, these callings were also the most rewarding of blessings.

Since he was a young child, Justin had the innate natural giftedness to imagine and create, a gift he was steadily harnessing. ***"Dream then Do, in the Name of the Lord"*** is only appropriate as the declaration and mission statement for Justin's website and now for Justin's VCHS endowment, because this combination of words Justin himself dreamt up, penned, and consistently lived out every day with compassion, dedication, and joy at Valley, and through each year of his life that followed. Through Justin's endowment, a scholarship will be awarded annually to one Valley Christian High School student, every year, forever.

In 2019, the ***Justin Kyle Lett, "Dream Then Do in the Name of the Lord," Memorial Scholarship*** at Valley Christian High School in Chandler Arizona, will be presented for its inaugural year. Our prayer, we the parents, brother, and family of Justin, is that the scholarship serves each year to bless the life of the student who receives it, and fosters within them a fearless heart like Justin's heart. We pray that each scholarship recipient student knows that they are loved by God their creator, and will have a growing relationship with Jesus their Savior. We hope through Justin's story and through his scholarship that each student will feel emboldened and affirmed to fully embrace their calling, to recognize their God-given ability and to understand with clarity, free from apprehension, that they are free and called by God to dream big, dream often, and to pursue those God-given creative, academic, and athletic pursuits, with integrity, honor, relentlessness, unwavering conviction, and love... ***always dreaming, then doing, in the Name of the Lord!***

We consider it a privilege to join hearts with Justin's alma mater, *Valley Christian High School*, in Chandler Arizona, where Justin grew and graduated in 2007, equipped as a young man and sharpened in his faith, to then set forth in the plan the Lord had for him. A forever endowment has been established at Valley Christian High School to honor our beautiful son and brother. We look forward to celebrating his life and the wonderful school, students, teachers, parents and alumni that are our *Valley Christian family*. VCHS is a special high school and was a very special season of life that Justin cherished tremendously. We look forward to the lives Justin's VCHS endowment will bless, and the lives Justin's story and witness will impact. Through Justin's website, www.dreamthendoforJustin.com, please continue to follow the various testimonies and updates on how Justin's life continues to serve and benefit many, and how his life story is being used to ***Turn Darkness Into Light***. God is doing a new thing. ***Genesis 50:20***.

As the family of Justin, we ask that you continue to honor Justin by living as he did, with intentionality and purpose. Most of all, we ask that you live for God and love Him with all you have. And we also request that you love well, love God, your family and friends, as Justin did with his whole heart, and that you seek to ***Win The Day***, every day, for the Lord. Please continue to pray for us as we continue down this new journey with you. Thank you for all your prayers, love, and support, and your acts of kindness that have helped sustain us during this time. We are grateful for all you have done and continue to do for Justin and our family. Above all else, we thank God for His mercies and grace, strength and sovereignty over all of life. We praise Jesus for His love, His goodness, His salvation, and for giving up His own life that all who come to Him, may be saved and set free.

Father we look forward to the day when your will shall be done in fullness on earth as it is in Heaven. The empty tomb is the ultimate proof that Christ's resurrected body was the same body

that died on the cross, paving the way to personal relationship and eternal life with you, Christ Jesus our Lord, God and Savior. ***"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."*** 1 Peter 2:24

On behalf of our beautiful son and brother, Justin Kyle Lett, thank you for your love, your kindness, and for all the beautiful memories shared. Until we are all together again, ***Soli Deo gloria.***

The Lett Family

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." Colossians 3:1-4

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

"Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

"But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth." Romans 9:16

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13

"Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints," Ephesians 6:18

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account." Hebrews 4:12-13

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." James 1:2-4