

Outdoor Presentation Whitetail Casper

I. Introduction (Slide 1 Have up when MC Introduces Paul as the speaker)

- State the following
 - Name and city where we are from. Married with 8 awesome kids.
 - I am the Senior Pastor at Hillview Christian Church and the Founder of Without Excuse Ministries.
 - In February of 2010 I founded a new ministry called “Without Excuse Ministries” (Slide 2)
 - Why I Love to Hunt! Video (Slide 3)
 - If you don’t hear anything else tonight the most important thing you need to know is that I love Jesus and I desire to make Him my first priority in Life.

II. Let’s talk hunting

- I was born in Haines City Florida in 1974 and lived the first ten years of my life in Kissimmee Florida. (Slide 4)
 - It was obvious at a young age that I would rather be outside than inside and just generally loved nature.
 - The outdoor life in Florida for me then looked like the beach and surf fishing on the weekends, or freshwater fishing for large mouth bass, brim, and catfish.
 - Hunting was not a big part of my life during this period.
- In 1984 we moved to Southern Indiana and my love for the outdoors grew even more.
 - Our first home in Indiana was a modular home on 12 acres of land which was mostly wooded with two ponds.
 - It was on this property that I had my very first encounter with a whitetail deer. I was walking down the trail to one of the ponds and saw something move off to my left. (Slide 5) I found myself staring eye to eye about 30 yards with a large mature doe.
 - The animal was beautiful, but at that moment I instinctively wanted to begin to hunt that animal as well. (Dominion)
- In 1997 I was invited to go on my very first whitetail hunt with a friend who lives in Knightstown Indiana.
 - Recount Todd placing me 50 yards inside a section of hardwoods.
 - The spot was good because it was **an inside corner**. (Slide 6) **TIP 1 “Hunt topography rather than always hunting over sign”**
 - Recount the doe approaching hopping the fence and standing behind the tree. My heart was racing.
 - Deer drive that resulted in harvesting a doe.
- (Slide 7) In 2000 with a few does under my belt now I really wanted to harvest a buck.
 - I was setting once again in a spot that was key for deer movement because of the topography.
 - In this spot basically three ridges dump into a single dry creek bed bottom.
 - Recount the eight point buck approaching, stopping and head bobbing, and me finally taking the shot.
 - After waiting 30 minutes and reloading my muzzle loader within 15 yards of the direction the buck ran I found good sign that led to a quick recovery of the buck.
 - My thoughts upon recovery were that is not the buck I shot, the one I shot was much larger!!!!
 - (Slide 8) **Tip 2 Don’t reduce your buck to a simple score!**
 - Who says a button buck harvested with a loved one is not a trophy? (Slide 9)
 - Who says a pair of jakes harvested in just over 24 hours is not a trophy? (Slide 10)
 - Watch Anna’s hunt and watch the excitement of her first whitetail harvest! (Slide 11 Video) (Slide 12)
 - Watch Will’s first harvest with a compound bow (Slide 13) (Slide 14 Video) (Slide 15)

III. Lessons Learned Chasing A Buck Named Casper (Slide 16)

- Briefly setup the hunt for Casper in 2014.
- Show the hunt for Casper (Slide 17 Video)
- **We Must Keep Our Priorities In Check (Slide 18)** Obviously hunting, filming, and producing outdoor content ranks right up with some of the top things I enjoy in life. With so many things that are trying to grab our attention and time today it is easy to lose focus on what the most important things are in life. Church, Family, Work, Education, Hobbies, and Dreams.
 - In Revelation 2:1-5 Jesus gives words to John to help us understand and evaluate priorities.
 - My prayer for me personally in my life is that Jesus would not have to say "Paul you have done many things right, but you have forgot your First Love which should have been Me!
- **We Have a Real Enemy (Slide 19)**
 - Speak about how I plotted and thought about this buck for 2 ½ months trying to learn his weakness.
 - Every mature buck I have ever killed has been alone.
 - Read I Peter 5:8
- **Earthly Treasures Lose Their Satisfaction (Slide 20)**
 - This is an image with me shortly after I harvested Casper.
 - The reality is I am so thankful for the opportunity to chase this buck as well as the lessons I learned. Now he is hanging on the wall in my basement. Shortly after that picture I was ready to move onto the next adventure.
 - Read Matthew 6:19-21

IV. My Story

- This segment is my testimony of coming to Christ. **(Slide 21)**
- When I mention my wife and 8 children you may show **(Slide 22)**
- Get Connected: Muddy Safety Harness Illustration. **(Slide 23)**
- Close in prayer/invitation **(Slide 24)**