

*An excerpt from a letter written by Katie Meyer to her dancers,
in preparation for the Portland Feis ~ Jan 2018*

Remember why you are here.

You are here to glorify God, the One who created you to dance.

You are here to honor your parents, who sacrificed to provide you with dance lessons and, now, a door into the world of competition.

You are not in Portland today just to win. You are not here just to prove that you are better than any of the hundreds of dancers you are about to meet. I am not in Washington DC right now attempting to pass my TCRG exam so that you all can receive lots of gold-colored plastic. We are on opposite sides of the country right now because we are seeking to conquer another corner of this broken world for Christ.

So love the people you meet. Smile at them, encourage them, build them up. Think of each other more than you think of yourself.

When you place in a round, rejoice! When you don't place, rejoice even more because that is the kind of steady joy that will make your soul fat, and you a threat to the enemy.

Thank your parents for bringing you here. Thank God for your young and healthy bodies. Thank Him for each other, and for Irish dancing.

And now, float in your slip jig, be sharp in your reel, and pound out those hard shoe steps! Because we know why we are *really* here, we are *now* called to pursue excellence; to dance to the very best of our abilities. So go get 'em!

I love you all so much,
Katie

FOR YOUR PRAYER HUDDLE:

Heavenly Father, thank you so much for giving these ladies the opportunity to compete today. Please help them recall their steps, please guard them from injury and please enable them to dance to the best of their abilities. Please fill them up with joy so that they can overflow onto everyone they meet.

In Jesus' Name, AMEN.