



#MORETHANSOCCER



"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." - 1 Timothy 4:8

WHAT IS TODAY?

At the start of the past few practice sessions, a question has been asked to the "Hurricanes Prayer Circle". The question posed is simply this: "What is today?" Answers have included: • It's Tuesday • It's Thursday • It's "so and so's" birthday • It's cold • It's Groundhog day • It's a sad day (Manchester United lost the previous evening!) • It's a great day (Chelsea lost the previous evening!). While all are correct, the emphasis has been on two main points:

1. **Today is a gift.** It is not to be taken lightly. God has allowed us the privilege (not the entitlement) of having friends to enjoy, families to love, a sport to embrace, fields on which to play, even the very air that we breathe! Today will never come around again, so make the most of every opportunity to learn, to grow and to share the hope we have as believers in Christ. In other words, seize the day...Don't waste it! Today will never return – it will soon be yesterday
2. **Today is the day that the Lord has made.** Therefore, "Let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). As we watch the rising sun appear at every practice session, it serves as a constant reminder of God's faithfulness as well as the beauty of His creation. So smile! Laugh! Enjoy His goodness! Don't take yourself too seriously! Life is fleeting, as Scripture reminds us in James 4:14: "You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes"



HOW TO BECOME A GREAT LEADER

It cannot be stressed enough: the ultimate goal of Sports Quest is to develop Next Generation Leaders. As an organization, we are truly thankful that this philosophy and objective is embraced at HCYA Hurricanes. Make no mistake – we want to win. We train to win. We even get frustrated when our efforts on the practice field fail to produce either the results or performances we desire. But short term wins/losses are nothing compared to our long term vision of raising up leaders – Spiritual leaders who set the bar of integrity way higher than that of the present day culture.

Our session ending devotionals are designed intentionally to challenge players in their faith journey, and this week, we focused on the single fact that to become a great GODLY leader, you have to first become a great God follower. Not a perfect follower. Not a phantom follower who has all the right answers and makes all the right choices. Not a fan of Jesus, looking on from the stands (maybe even cheering on those in the ring). No. Just a follower of God who, in their flawed imperfection, seeks to know Christ and make Him known to others. For some, this may mean yielding their life to Him as Lord and Savior as an act of surrender and submission for the first time. For others, it may involve turning away from the bondage of sin. For yet others, it could be removing themselves from a questionable peer group, knowing that "Bad company corrupts good character" (1 Corinthians 15:33). And for yet others, it may simply involve "stepping out of the boat", asking God to turn their fears into faith, trusting Christ to help navigate them beyond the boundaries of their comfort zone.



Spiritual leaders are desperately needed for the next generation – leaders who are bold, uncompromising, servant-hearted, humble and obedient; leaders sold out for the One who gave EVERYTHING for them. At HCYA Hurricanes, I firmly believe we are equipping young people to lead with excellence because they are being encouraged to follow THE greatest leader ever!

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"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13

CHECK THIS OUT!

1. **FILL THE BLEACHERS ON TUESDAY FEB 6!**
LET'S HAVE AN AWESOME TURNOUT TO
RECOGNIZE OUR GRADUATING SENIORS
BETWEEN HSVG AND HSVB GAMES AT USCORE!
2. **YEAR END CELEBRATION BANQUET**
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24 @ 7.00 PM – FREEDOM
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
3. **POST-SEASON TRAINING**
STARTS TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27 THROUGH
THURSDAY MAY 3 (10 WEEKS, 20 SESSIONS)
REGISTER @ [SPORTSQUESTTRAINING.COM](https://sportsquesttraining.com)
4. **SOCCER CLEATS REQUEST**
DO YOU HAVE ANY NEW OR GENTLY USED
SOCCER CLEATS YOU NO LONGER NEED? IF SO,
BRING THEM TO PRACTICE ON TUESDAY TO BE
DONATED LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS (DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC)