



“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’S OUR HASHTAG?

Here’s a snapshot of the past 8 days at HCYA Hurricanes: Sixteen games played at 9 different locations • Forty one goals “for” and 37 “against” • Nine wins, 6 losses and 1 tie • Hundreds of miles travelled • Conversations and laughter en-route • Meals together • Practice, play, pray and grow together. If ever there was a hashtag to embrace the Hurricanes experience, it has to be #morethansoccer. In fact, maybe it should be #somuchmorethansoccer!

LIVING BY THE BOOK: FORGIVENESS (PART 2)

On October 20, 1991, my life was changed forever. That was the day I accepted Jesus Christ as my Personal Savior. By faith, I received Jesus into my heart and asked for His forgiveness. While I knew neither the implications nor the new course on which I was about to set sail, I had come to the realization that I was a sinner in need of God’s grace to set me free from the penalty of sin and death (full testimony may be read on SQ website under “About us”) But, as we shared with the players this week, salvation is not only the forgiveness of sin. It is more than that. Just as a coin has 2 sides, so too does salvation. On the one side is total and absolute forgiveness for everything we’ve ever done, or will ever do, which goes against God’s will. Some call it mistakes or misdemeanors. The Bible calls it sin – rebellion against a perfect God. Believers in Christ have the confident assurance that their past, present and future sins are completely forgiven!



The second side of the salvation coin is the incredible gift of righteousness – a right standing before God – a position of total acceptability in His sight. God didn’t just take our sins and place them on Jesus, He also took Christ’s perfect righteousness and gave it to us through his resurrected life. To put it in perspective: We are as righteous and acceptable in the sight of God as Jesus Christ! What a gift and what a privilege to serve the One who bore our sins and remembers them no more (Hebrews 8:12)

LISTENING EARS & OPEN HEARTS

Sometimes as coaches we wonder “Are they really listening?” Do players actually pay attention while we’re teaching a certain skill or explaining a team concept? Most importantly, are we effectively communicating the Gospel message and the pillars upon which our faith stands? Obviously there’s times when kids (and adults) “zone out”. They’re not engaged and they’re not impacted. But, every now and then, we get a glimpse of God’s favor – a simple reminder to press on and not grow weary in presenting the truth of His Word. Forgiveness is a prickly subject because oftentimes, we’re not quite sure either how to give it, or how to receive it. So this past week, when I was approached by 2 players asking to be forgiven for (no names or details necessary)...That was a huge statement! It not only strengthened my resolve to continue sharing – trusting that God WILL get the attention of those who need to hear; it also demonstrated humility and maturity in the ones seeking forgiveness. They WERE listening!

*“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God”
(2 Corinthians 5:21)*

So whether we’re a coach, a parent, a friend, a teacher, a co-worker, a husband, a wife, a son or a daughter – wherever we find ourselves – let’s be bold in sharing our faith. People need to know about the hope we have in Christ Jesus. They need a messenger. They need us to pour into their lives in word and deed. And when we get discouraged and ask ourselves if it’s worth the effort, be assured – You ARE making a difference. You may not see it now. You may NEVER see it. But does that really matter? After all, our role is to be Christ’s ambassador. His role – His joy – is to draw others to Himself. It’s all about HIM!

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