



“Discipline yourself for the purpose of Godliness”- 1 Timothy 4:7 (NASB)

HCYA HURRICANES SOCCER – WEEK 2

Players: The time between the start and end of the season will fly by! Before we know it, we’ll be sharing stories at the year-end Banquet and saying farewell to our Seniors. So, enjoy every moment! Don’t begrudge the early mornings or the hard work. Instead, embrace the challenges, learn from your mistakes, and don’t get hung up on results. You will not be judged by your win/loss record, and your identity does not come from the game of soccer!

Parents: Enjoy the journey with your kids. Encourage them, cheer them on, applaud their successes and refuse to dwell on any dips in performance. For sure, hold them accountable for their behavior, attitudes and effort, but understand that HCYA Hurricanes is meant to be a safe place for young people to express themselves athletically and grow spiritually. This is what y’all do for RECREATION!

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE: BIBLE INTAKE – FOR THE PURPOSE OF GODLINESS

There is no spiritual discipline more important than the intake of God’s Word. This involves hearing, reading, studying, memorizing and meditating on God’s Word. And yet, according to the Barna Research Group, only 11% of Americans read the Bible every day; more than half read it less than once a month or never at all; a mere 18% of professing Christians read the Bible daily and a staggering 23% of professing Christians say they never read the Bible at all! Picture what would happen to your physical health if you failed to eat well-balanced meals on a regular basis. Or imagine representing the Hurricanes after chowing down 2 big macs with fries, guzzling 3 glasses of coke, topped off with an ice-cream covered brownie just 30 minutes before a game (that would never happen...right?). Your performance would be pitiful! In the same way, filling our hearts and minds with the “junk” of this world instead of God’s Word, or failing to turn the pages of Scripture to hear from our Creator is disastrous to our spiritual well-being.



A true story is told of a man in Kansas City who was severely injured in an explosion. His face was badly disfigured, and he lost his eyesight as well as both hands. He had only recently become a Christian when the accident happened, and one of his greatest disappointments was that he could no longer read the Bible. After hearing of a lady in England who read braille with her lips, he sent for books of the Bible in Braille, only to discover that the nerve endings in his lips had been too badly damaged to distinguish the characters. However one day, as he brought one of the braille pages to his lips, his tongue happened to touch a few of the raised characters and he could feel them. Like a flash, he realized that he could read the Bible using his tongue. This man has read through the Bible at least 4 times since the explosion with his tongue...**HIS TONGUE!** Oh that his passion for the Word would be ours...That we would make an impact – not just an impression – by reading and heeding the Scriptures! LET’S GO FOR IT!



Looking forward to seeing you next week!

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MEMORY VERSE

“All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16)