



## SEASON TRAINING – WEEK 8

Week 8 of HCYA Hurricanes had it all! Ice and snowballs during Tuesday’s practice, cold and wet conditions on Thursday. Close wins and narrow losses, as well as big wins and humbling losses during competitive play. Add to this the drama of a penalty shoot-out, and we can easily see why this was a week to remember!

The kids continue to work hard, and while at times they may be taking some “hard knocks”, we are confident they are learning valuable lessons that go way beyond the game itself. We firmly believe that the soccer field is/should be the mission field, and that within the context of the game, life lessons from a Christian worldview are being both taught and caught. With this in mind, here is a quick summary of our devotional themes over the two sessions:

### Tuesday Recap

If we want to know what God’s will/direction is for our lives, we must spend time with Him daily through the reading and studying of His Word. Here, we’ll find God’s universal will for mankind, as well as His specific will for our lives. The critical aspect of discerning God’s direction for us individually is to obey God’s universal commands. The closer we walk with the Lord, the more “in step” we will be when it comes to making personal decisions. *“Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your Word” (Psalm 119:37)*



### Thursday Recap

Where do we go for direction in our lives? There are clearly many “guides”, but can they all be trusted?

1. From Horoscopes to fortune cookies, these may seem like playful fun, but for some, these are actual signposts for living. Do we trust the “dark side” to point us in the right direction?
2. Superstars and super heroes may grab our attention, showing and telling us the way to think and live. But is “reaching the top” their way the best way?
3. Friends may offer advice, but can we always trust their motives or their counsel?
4. The culture may dictate what is “cool” today and how to fit in. But the culture shifts like the sand, so how can it be trusted? Remember bell-bottoms? ☺
5. Our own personal feelings might tell us that, “If it feels good (or right) for me, then just do it.” But our feelings can play tricks on us. Ever jumped out of your chair in the movie theater (the classic “Jaws” movie will make you do that!)
6. The media and social media platforms convince us that “fake news” is to be believed as fact, when oftentimes, biases and specific agendas are more in play



So what’s the answer? Should we throw our hands up and ask, like Pontius Pilate “What is truth?” (John 18:38) Absolutely not! The Bible is our directional map because it is God’s Word; that which is true for all people, in all places at all times. The challenge then, is to turn away from the “noise” of the world, and hear from God. After all, it’s been said that when we open the Holy Bible, we actually open the lips of God. Now that’s Someone worth listening to!

*“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

Looking forward to another great week of HCYA Hurricanes soccer!

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