DEVOTIONS FOR 2025 BASKETBALL SEASON



Week 6: Victory In Jesus – The Greatest Win

- Theme: Jesus defeated sin and death for us.
- **Primary Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Additional Scripture: Romans 8:37 and John 16:13
- Key Words: Victory, Confidence
- **Connection to Sports:** Winning a game is an incredible feeling, but even the greatest achievements in sports pale in comparison to the victory we have in Jesus. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus conquered sin and death, offering us the ultimate triumph. Just as athletes celebrate victories on the field, we can celebrate the eternal victory that Christ has won for us.

Practical Application for Sports and Life:

- In sports: remember that even when we lose a game, our true victory comes from knowing Jesus and living for Him.
- In life: trust that Christ has already overcome every obstacle we face, and let His victory give us confidence and peace.

Challenge for the Athlete:

This week, celebrate your wins, but remember the greatest victory is what Jesus did for us. If you lose a game or face something hard, remind yourself that Jesus has already won the biggest battle. Share this good news with a teammate or friend and thank God for His amazing victory!

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Devotional Script for Coaches: Week 6

"Great practice today! Let's talk about the greatest victory we can ever celebrate—victory in Jesus.

Winning a game is an incredible feeling. But even the best wins in sports pale in comparison to the victory Jesus won for us. *1 Corinthians 15:57* says, *'But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.'* Through His death and resurrection, Jesus conquered sin and death, offering us the ultimate triumph.

Romans 8:37 reminds us, 'In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.' This means that no matter what challenges or losses we face, we are victorious because of Jesus. John 16:33 adds, 'In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.' Jesus' victory gives us confidence and peace, even in difficult times.

In sports, we celebrate victories with joy and excitement. But whether we win or lose on the field, the greatest victory is knowing that Jesus defeated sin and death so we can have eternal life. That's a victory worth celebrating every day!

Practical Challenge:

Encourage your players this week to celebrate their wins but also to remember the greatest victory comes from knowing Jesus. Remind them that even in losses or tough moments, they can find peace and confidence in Christ's victory. Challenge them to share this good news with a teammate or friend and thank God for His amazing love and triumph.

Self-Reflection Questions:

- 1. How does knowing Jesus gives us confidence, even when we lose?
- 2. What can I do to celebrate the victory Jesus won for me?
- 3. How can I share the good news of Jesus' victory with someone this week?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for giving us the greatest victory through Jesus. Help us to trust in Your triumph when we face hard times and celebrate the love You've shown us. Teach us to share this good news with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.