

# DEVOTIONS FOR 2025 SOCCER SEASON



## **Week 7: The Response – Surrender**

### **Key Word: Surrender**

**Scripture:** Luke 9:23 – *“Then He said to them all: ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.’”*

### **Coach’s Script:**

"Have you ever played a game where your team had to follow the coach’s instructions exactly? If you did your own thing, it would cause confusion and your team wouldn’t work well together. Following Jesus is like being on His team. He is our leader, and we have to trust Him. That means we don’t just believe in Him—we also surrender to Him. Surrender means giving up control and letting Jesus lead our lives. It means choosing to obey Him, even when it’s hard. We stop living for ourselves and start living for Him.

When we trust in Jesus and follow Him, He changes our hearts. We want to live for Him because He gave everything for us!"

### **Questions:**

1. What does it mean to 'surrender' to Jesus?
2. Why is it important to follow Jesus and not just believe in Him?
3. What are some ways we can show that we are following Jesus in our daily lives?

### **Closing Prayer:**

"Dear Jesus, we don’t want to live life our own way. We want to follow You! Help us to surrender our hearts, trust You, and live for You every day. Thank You for leading us. Amen."