



THE OUTREACH SPORTS PAGE

Fall 2010/Winter 2011

Upcoming Events

- Adult Men's Church Basketball League Saturday Mornings Nov 20-Feb 19 Denver
- Turkey Bowl Flag Football Tournament Saturday, November 13 Denver
- Building a wall of Living Stones—Raising Up Partners to help us Share the Good News of Jesus Christ through sports!

Read about our upcoming expansion to the Dallas/Ft. Worth area on the following page!

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Are You Ready?

In Matthew 24, the disciples are walking with Jesus and are noticing the beautiful buildings of Jerusalem. Jesus tells them that there will come a day when not one of these stones will be left upon another as everyone will be torn down. Later the disciples ask Jesus when this will happen and what will be the sign of His coming and the end of the age.

Jesus tells them that many things will take place prior to His return. They will see wars and rumors of wars, famines and earthquakes, false prophets and people claiming to be the Christ, persecution and the gospel being preached in the whole world. He goes on to tell them to learn a lesson from the fig tree. When you see its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. And so when you see all these things, you know that the time is right at the door. (Matt 24:3-33) I don't know about you, but to me it seems that the twigs are becoming tender.

Jesus then goes on to tell them in verse 36-44 that no one knows the day or the hour, not even Himself, only the Father in heaven. As it was in the days of Noah so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage right up to the day that Noah entered the ark and no one knew what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. So Jesus tells them that they must keep watch and be ready because He will come at an hour when we do not expect Him.

This reminds me of my youth, when I walked onto the University of Northern Iowa's football team. I walked on as a wide receiver and I immediately did very well. The problem was they already had a slew of very good players at my position. Ahead of me was a guy being recruited by the Dallas Cowboys, another guy was a High School All-American, and then there were at least 3 other very good scholarship players at this position. Because of this I was put on the scout team to run plays against the first team defense to get them ready for the game each week. Another thing I started doing in practice, kind of by accident, was to catch punts for our punter. The first string-punt returner and myself would catch his punts during practice sessions.

So here we are now, mid-way through the season, fighting for a playoff birth, it seems the score is close, and it is late in the game. I am hanging out with my buddies on the sideline, goofing around, not planning on going in the game. And then it happened. Our first team punt returner became injured and the opposing team was preparing to punt to us. The coach came looking for me! He found me, totally unprepared mentally or emotionally to go in. I was busy having fun, talking it up with my buddies on the sideline. He grabbed me, pulled me in close and looked into my eyes to see if I was ready to go in. I wasn't! Instead of looking back into his eyes and saying "I'm ready coach", I looked down. And that was it! He knew I wasn't ready so he found someone else and sent them in the game instead of me. It wasn't because I wasn't ready physically, I was! I wasn't ready because I wasn't ready

**Is the Lord of
the Universe
looking for you
to put you in the
game?**

This message is an example of the devotions shared at our tournaments and events. To find out more about our tournaments and events or how you can get involved, please visit our website at www.outreachsports.org or contact Brett at 720-309-5182 or brett@outreachsports.org Wishing you God's favor and that He establishes the work of your hands!

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mentally or emotionally. I hadn't been waiting expectantly! I hadn't kept watch and I wasn't ready to go in when my time came! I missed the opportunity! Not only for that game, but that was my last chance ever as the next spring some things happened that caused me to decide not to go out again the following year. So I missed the one chance I ever had to play a down of college football because I was not ready! I can never have that back! The opportunity was lost forever!

My question for us now is, How many of us would be unprepared if Christ returned right this very moment? Have we done all the things we feel He wants us to do for Him before it is our time? How many of us are still waiting to ask Him to forgive us for our sins and to be our Lord and Savior? How many of us are still wondering if He is truly real, but have never investigated the facts or read the Holy Bible that He has given us to know Him? How many of us have people that we want to share His Good News with but still have never made the time? Jesus tells us that He will come at a time that we do not expect Him. We do not know when He is coming or when we will take our last breath. We could die tonight in our sleep or in an automobile accident. None of us are promised tomorrow. So again, the question, "Are we ready?"

Most of us are not! God's Word tell us that wide is the gate to destruction and narrow is the gate to life (Matt 7:13,14). Most of us are too busy living our lives for the things of this world today to be worried about eternity. But eternity is a very long time! This life when compared to eternity, is like the length of time it takes to cross one intersection compared to a road trip all the way across North America. Too many of us are living only for this one intersection when the whole rest of the road trip across the continent lies ahead!

Are you ready? Are you living with eternity in mind or just for today? Jesus tells us that we must watch and be ready! Our time to get in the game is now! The Holy Spirit is calling out your name! Please get your heart ready and get in the game! Answer His call! If you have never asked Him to forgive you of your sins and to be your Lord and Savior, please do so now. If you aren't sure if He is real, please take the time to read His Holy Word to seek Him out. His Word says that if you seek Him you will find Him (Deut 4:29, Matt 7:8). Your time is shorter than you think. If you have already repented of your sins and have asked the Lord to be the Lord of your Life, another question to ask yourself is: Are you playing to win? Are you serving the Lord the very best you can? God calls us to run the race to win (I Cor 9:24-27). God wants to use you today! Please get in the game and play to win! Because the Lord of the Universe is coming back and He is looking for you to put you in the game!



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