

## **The Starting Line: Take the Challenge**

### **Ready:**

“Jesus came and told his disciples, ‘I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’” -- Matthew 28:18-20

### **Set**

With pride, we look back on past accomplishments in our sport. But it will be even more fulfilling to look back at the end of the journey and know that our lives counted for something big.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 states that God “planted eternity in the human heart.” We were created for a great eternal purpose and destiny, but our purpose now is to join Jesus in His mission.

Jesus has invited each of us to play a heroic role in His great mission. Matthew 28:18-20 records Jesus’ final words, often called “the Great Commission.” Jesus charged us with the task to go into all the world and make disciples.

Every coach and athlete who follows Jesus has a unique story; no two are the same. Your story will impact people whom nobody else could reach. God will use you to change the lives of other athletes and coaches!

If you’re ready for an extreme adventure and the chance of a lifetime, accept Jesus’ invitation to join Him in His mission. Will you take the challenge?

### **Go**

- What is your greatest sports accomplishment to date?
- What is your role in God’s Great Mission?
- How has God already written your story?
- How can you use your story to impact others?

### **Workout**

Isaiah 61:1-3; Hebrews 12:1-3; 1 Peter 3:13-15

### **Overtime**

*“God, I accept the challenge to join you on Your Great Mission. Help me to see the coaches and athletes you put in my path to impact with the Gospel. In Jesus’ name I pray, amen.”*

**Bible Reference:**

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