

## **Media Day**

### **Ready:**

But honor the Messiah as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. (1 Peter 3:15)

### **Set**

On Media Day for Super Bowl XLIX, reporters, players and fans packed University of Phoenix Stadium in preparation for the big game on Sunday. Players from both teams sat and fielded questions about the season, their team and the upcoming competition, as well as personal life lessons they've held to along the way.

As I watched the conference, I mused on the fact that here was this enormous platform to support teammates, mention a love of the game, and even note God's goodness. Some expressed gratitude for the opportunity to play, and others missed the mark. Whether or not these players want the attention, their job puts them in the limelight.

Athletes are paid to play football, but with that task comes other responsibilities, such as press appearances and fulfilling media obligations. They've been placed on a pedestal of influence and can either make the most of ample opportunity, or let the moment slide by untouched.

I wonder about you and your own Media Day. When the time comes for you to share how Christ has changed your life, what will you say? Everything? Nothing at all?

When the chance comes to share your story with the world, or at least those in your sphere of influence, may you understand there are willing ears eager to hear about your God, and that you've been put in the exact place you're meant to be to speak truth and love.

### **Go**

1. Are you eager or apprehensive to share your faith with others?
2. Do you see your life in sport as a platform that others are watching?
3. How do you have the power over your tongue?
4. Why is it important to speak what you believe?

### **Workout**

- Psalm 145:18
- Proverbs 16:24
- Ephesians 4:29

### **Overtime**

Lord, thank You that You say if I proclaim You before others, then You will proclaim me in

front of Your Father. Help me to realize that I have a platform that people are watching, waiting to hear what I say. May my mouth be filled with sweet offerings to You, that others can know You and what I believe. Amen.

**Bible Reference:**

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