

## **Relationships that last a lifetime**

### **Ready:**

"No one has greater love than this, that someone would lay down his life for his friends."

-John 15:13

### **Set**

Just like a top athletic performer pursues his or her goals in training, so does God want us to wholeheartedly pursue a relationship with Him. Far too many Christians act like spectators in the race of life. But life is the biggest race of all, and God wants us to compete and to win--He expects this of us!

In order to compete in this race, we need empowerment. Many times in my own life, I seem to think that I can do things all on my own without the help of the Lord. But the sole reason for our creation is to have a relationship with God. It says in the book of 1 John chapter 1 that through Christ we can have a fellowship with God. Wow! We can have a relationship with God. Not only does this give you, me and the Lord great joy, but also through His power in us, we are empowered to do His will.

Today, as you are involved with your athletic responsibilities, you must take into account that without relationships, we can't exist. We are not able to accomplish the goals that God has given us to achieve. I challenge you to develop a better understanding of the word "relationship." Discover what it means to have a relationship with God and to be in relationship with others. Do this and both you and your team will excel abundantly.

### **Go**

1. Do you have a relationship with each and every one of your teammates?
2. Can you rely on each other for support?
3. Will you sacrifice your personal goals for the goals of the team?
  
4. To succeed, you need to be able to rely on each other. Can your team rely on you?

### **Workout**

1 Chronicles 9:22-34  
Psalm 84:10  
Acts 9:19-31

2 Timothy 4:9

### **Bible Reference:**

2 Timothy 4



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