

Vision – God's Key to Success

Ready:

"The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah." - Isaiah 1:1

Set

Prior to the start of a season, coaches and athletes usually have high expectations for success. All of the work they've put in during the offseason will be put to the test on the field to see if the workouts lead to positive results on the field.

Isaiah, the Lord's prophet for Judah and Jerusalem, was given spiritual insight from God. God had told him exactly how things would play out in advance, and he served God by sharing that plan. The people of these two countries had lost their way; they were no longer interested in following God's vision. Instead, they had chosen to follow the vision of man and had fallen into a culture of sin. But Isaiah was a voice of reason, and he was full of wisdom. He knew exactly what would bring success.

It says in Isaiah 1:1 that he had a "vision" of what was to come—that he "saw" the Lord's plan. While we may not receive visions in the exact same way or form as the prophet Isaiah, we as Christians should still seek to know the mind of God and what He wants from us. By reading His Word, we can get a vision for how we are to live our lives and then act accordingly. Things like loving our neighbors, controlling our tongues, living with purity, praying constantly, and so much more. We must continually abide with Him to stay in tune with His vision for us—a vision that includes our lives on the field. As coaches and athletes, may we stay focused on His vision for us as we seek to bring Him glory.

Go

1. What has the Lord put on your heart to accomplish with this year's team?
2. What does this vision include for the spiritual climate of your team? How will you make a deeper impact on your players/teammates this year?
3. Describe what you think your daily life be like if you were living perfectly for Christ. What can you do to pursue that vision?

Workout

- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Jeremiah 29:11
- Matthew 6:33
- Romans 12:2

- 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Bible Reference:

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