

## **You Are Ready**

### **Ready:**

“Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus—the great Shepherd of the sheep—through the blood of the everlasting covenant, equip you with everything good to do his will, working in us what is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.” -- Hebrews 13:20-21

### **Set**

We’ve put in the hours and offseason stretches of conditioning and drills on our own, strengthening our weak spots and working hard to make a starting spot or improve our skills.

We’ve learned what it looks like to live a life mirrored by Jesus, how to grow deep in God’s Word, how to get closer to Him in prayer. We’ve learned to surround ourselves with people who will encourage and challenge us in our faith.

Now, let’s take this faith to teammates who have no idea about the God who loves them. To coaches who need to see there’s a better, lasting way to lead. And to everyone in our sphere of influence—classmates, family, neighbors—who want to know why you’re different.

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It’s time:

### **To Live Your Mission**

God puts great value on your life. He creates all His children uniquely, fills them with talents, passion and interests, and places them on teams within cities around certain people on purpose. It’s no accident your locker is next to the teammate who needs an extra bit of encouragement, or that your coaching staff has all come together from around the country to your specific team. God longs for everyone to know Him, and He wants to use your life as an introduction to someone who has yet to experience His personal love.

### **For Greater Faith**

We’re always growing. God never lets us stay stagnant. His goal is to get us as close to the likeness of Jesus as possible, and the rest of our life is filled with opportunities and refining moments that will soften and strengthen our spirits, molding us into His image. Where can you go from here? Try discipling someone on your own. Or maybe read through a book in the Bible you’re not necessarily drawn to but asking Him to reveal something through it. There is always more to explore when it comes to God and life with Him.

## To Be a Light

We are on this earth to love God and love others. The way people can see and feel God is most often through their interactions with us. It's time to step out in faith and let your light shine bright for Him in an increasingly dark world. Take a look around you. Who needs the light of Christ? Offer to babysit for your coach so he and his wife can have a night out. Write a note of encouragement to a teammate, telling them what a great job she did in the last game and pointing out the good ways God made her. The more you get used to living out your light, the more natural it will become each day.

God has given us great work to do in connection with Him through His Holy Spirit. And He has chosen us as His conduits to share this. He has given us everything we need. From the beginning, you've been prepared. You are created, you are chosen, you are saved, you are free, you are called, you are growing and you are strong.

You are ready. Now go into your world and let His message transform the lives of every coach and athlete for His glory!

## Go

- Do you feel ready to go into the world for God? How can you bring God's truth into any fears you may have about this?
- What is the work God has given you to do, and how can you do it for His glory?
- Find three ways to show the love of Jesus to three competitors this week.

## Workout

Isaiah 52:7; Matthew 5:14-16; 2 Peter 3:18

## Overtime

"Father, thank You for this journey of life that You have invited me to live. Thank You for Your goodness, Your faithfulness and Your love. Lord, this world needs the light and warmth You offer. Please let me to keep growing in Your Word, and to believe I am ready to share Your love to those around me. You are always with me, making my steps firm and giving me the best words to say. Help me to go into the world sharing Your great love. In Jesus' name, Amen."



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