

## **FOOTBALL SUNDAY MAIN EVENT 2017**

### **OVERCOMER/ Feb 5, 2017**

**THIS WEEK:** A video was shown with NFL football players sharing how their faith has helped them overcome past obstacles to encourage others as they navigate through the challenges of life. We serve an unstoppable God!

#### **Opening Discussion - Study Questions:**

Does God give unfair challenges?  
Have you ever felt that God gave you an unfair challenge?  
How did you respond to an overwhelming challenge?  
How could you have done better?

#### **Read Rev 1:17-18**

Who wrote the book of Revelation? (hint - see verse 4)  
Who is speaking in verse 17?  
What was the relationship like between John and Jesus?  
Note that even though John had a close relationship with Jesus before the crucifixion, the glory of the risen Lord caused John to fall as though dead.  
What do think it will be like when you encounter Jesus?

#### **Group Activity -**

What does an attitude of humility look like, and how can you tell that someone has it?

In the video, Brandon & Michi Marshall talked about some false beliefs they had growing up such as abusive parents, dysfunctional relationships which they thought was 'normal' or the way people were supposed to behave.  
What false beliefs did you have growing up?

#### **Suggest forming into groups of 2 or 3 for these questions:**

Take turns sharing something you have overcome.  
What helped get you through it? What have u overcome?

**Read Isaiah 49:13-16**

Have you ever felt forgotten by God? What was that like?  
What would you say to someone who is feeling like God has forgotten them?  
Some translations or a deeper study of verse 15 indicate the passage "I will not forget you" actually means "As for Me, I am *unable* to forget you."

**Going Deeper - Personal Challenge:**

A great way to overcome the mental and physical drain of being in challenging circumstance is to serve others.

How can you serve others more?

What person helped you the most?

Do you have someone to talk to about anything? If not, what can you do to have an accountability partner?

**Taking it Home - Application:**

At the end of the video, it was pointed out that a relationship with God is not a matter of trying harder, it is about surrendering to Him.

Is God part of your life or is He your life?

What is keeping you from having Him?

**LESSON QUOTE:** "If God brings you to it...He will see you through it."

- Timothy Pina, Hearts for Hati: Book of Poetry & Inspiration

**LIFE GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS:**

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