COACHES AND SPOUSES: *WE NEED YOUR STORIES!*

Every semester, we feature true stories from coaches and their spouses as part of our Bible study curriculum. They are called "True Coaching Stories" and so we need some true stories from you! Please take a minute or two to jot down a story showing God's work on you or through you.

- **You don't need to sign your name to it**… *it can be totally anonymous.*
- **It doesn't have to be recent**… *it could even be from when you were a player.*
- **It can be long or short**… *even a short story can encourage hundreds of others who read it.*
- **It doesn't have to be in perfect grammar**… *we will copy-edit it for you.*
- **It can be on any subject or situation…** *As long as it pertains to coaching, we'll love it.*
- **It just needs to be true and in your own words**… *but please include some details.*

Please read the short story below for an example. Each story printed will be copy-edited before publication, and if you include your name we may contact you for some additional details. Write as much as you like, and use the back of this paper if you need to. PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY!

TRUE COACHING STORY

When I was a new coach, we won our first four games, and everyone in town thought I was a really great Christian guy. "Just what those boys need," I heard often, "a good Christian man to lead them." Then we lost four in a row, and I was talked about as being weak. One of my friends was in the grocery store and overheard two ladies talking about me, saying, "That new coach is too dang religious, he need to cuss out those kids more and maybe they'd start winning!" This good friend and brother in Christ confronted them on the spot and told them that they would be lucky if their son could play for me because I was a man of character and would teach those boys to be great men.

It's good to know that God is in control and He gives us friends like that. I pray that every coach has guys like that in their church who get their backs, just like mine did for me.

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