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No Coincidences

by Tommy Maxwell
Executive Director



Our Board Chairman, Scott Henderson, has a favorite saying he expresses all the time - "Nothing Coincidental." He sees all things as wrapped up

in God's providential will. Well, we are praying that coaches will see that over the next 12 weeks in the study of Joseph, **GOD'S PROVIDENCE BUILDS FAITH.** That is, the more you see God orchestrating your life (no coincidences!) and the lives of others, *the more you will see!* This *builds* your faith. It carries the idea of submitting to God more and more in prayer and prayer being the foundation of growing more in our faith. It is not circular, it is ever expanding! THAT kind of faith understands and keeps seeing God as *faithful* in working all things (even the trials) for good.

There is nothing more comforting than God's faithfulness, especially for coaches when they see a game ending dropped pass which if caught, would have won the game. Or, a strike out with the bases loaded for a loss. The author in the Study Notes of Week 2, Day 4 explains the sig-

nificance of providence (purposeful leading) from these beginning verses.

12 When his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, 13 Israel said to Joseph, "Your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I will send you to them." "I'm ready," Joseph replied. 14 So Jacob said to him, "Go now and check on the welfare of your brothers and of the flocks, and bring me word." So Jacob sent him from the valley of Hebron.

15 When Joseph reached Shechem, a man found him wandering in the field, so the man asked him, "What are you looking for?" 16 He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Please tell me where they are grazing their flocks." 17 The man said, "They left this area, for I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'"

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. (Gen.37:12-17)

When you understand from previous scripture just how much Jacob (Israel) loved Joseph, you are first struck by where Jacob sends his 17 year old son. Jacob's concern for his other sons had a reason. That area where they were headed and where Jacob was sending Joseph was Shechem, the same area where two of Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi, had killed all the men in that area, including a man named Shechem, who raped their sister, Dinah. Relatives in this area would not be happy to see Jacob's clan grazing sheep there. That is probably why they went to Dothan.

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God puts a lot of detail in scripture to show **he is over all the details.** It makes you ask, "Why would Jacob send Joseph *THERE*? Joseph became lost – hmmm? He could have gone back home – yeeaaah. He just happened to run in to an old man who

felt sorry for him and sent him in the right direction - oh, really. He found his brothers – huh - who threw him

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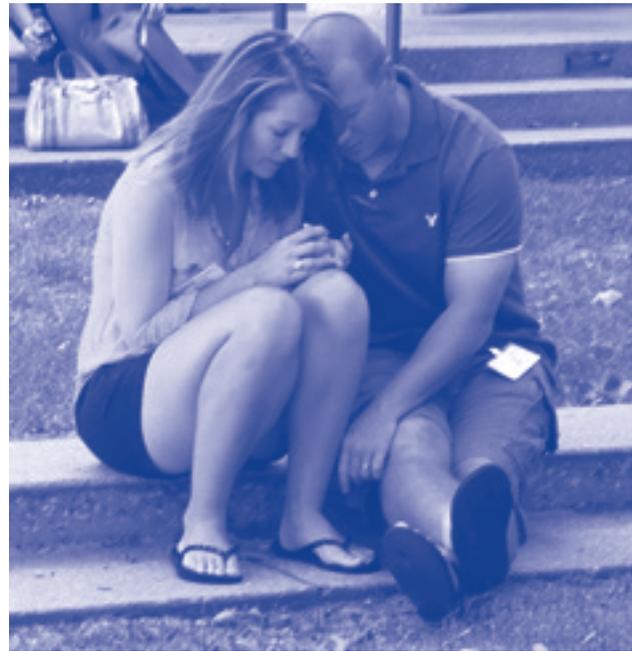
Summer Marriage Conferences

by Tanya Baugus

The 2013 Summer Marriage Conference Season was an amazing time of fellowship, praise and worship. Marriage conferences were held in five locations this summer – at the Marriott Grand National in Opelika, AL; T Bar M Resort in New Braunfels, TX; Inn of the Hills in Kerrville, TX; Doubletree Hotel-Warren Place in Tulsa, OK and DeGray Lake Resort in Bismarck, AR. Approximately 400 couples attended. Thank you to all the donors who made the conferences possible. Below are some quotes from those who attended:

“We have had conversations this weekend about our marriage that we’ve never had before. I feel closer to my husband after this weekend than in our whole 4 years of marriage. I have no doubt that the amazing speaker from this conference has affected our marriage in ways we will see for many years to come.”

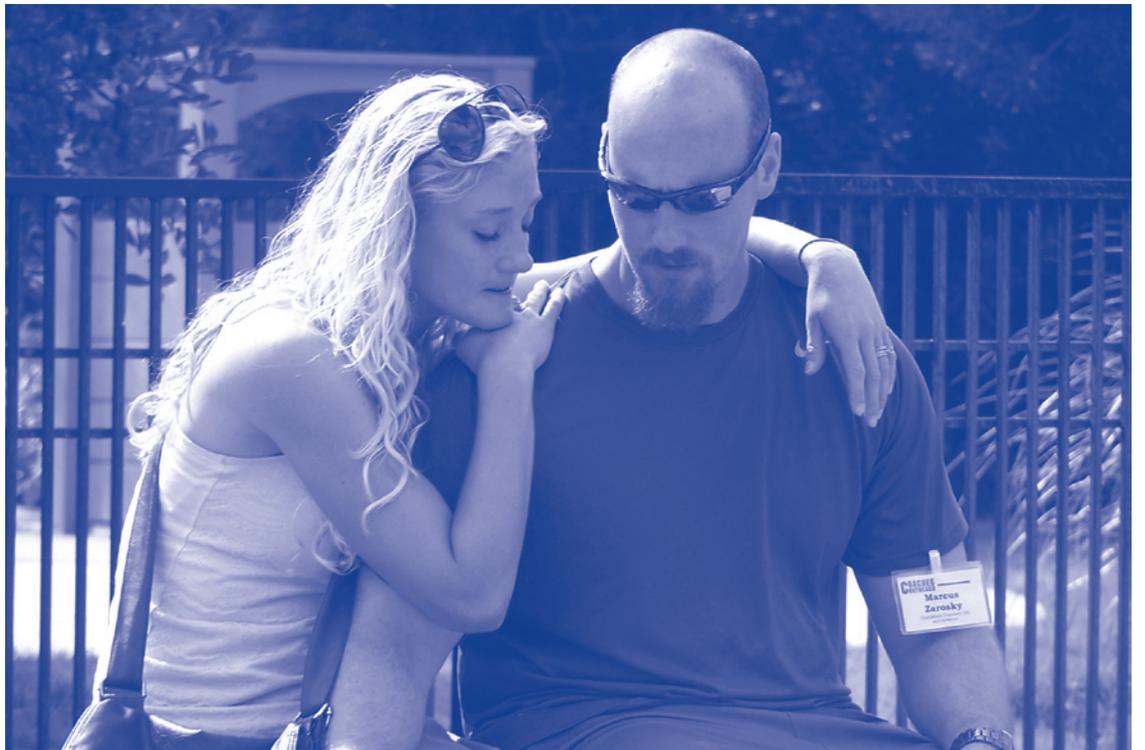
“My wife and I forgot about the rifts and committed to working on our relationship to be great leaders in Christ...I believe with the platform (as coaches) that God gives us and the tools that Coaches Outreach provides us, we can touch many more lives.”



“After almost 19 years of marriage, my husband was almost ready to throw it all away. God saved our marriage...this weekend is one of the greatest things we have ever done as a couple.”

“This conference has strengthened my marriage by reinforcing my belief that coaches and coaches’ wives make a difference in the lives of young people. Coaches Outreach is making a difference!”





Interview with a Field Rep

Melvin Boelter

Tell us about yourself. What's your coaching background?

Married (44 years) – Donna – Two children and 2 grandchildren. BA from TLU, MEd from North Texas and Masters in Administration from Texas A&M Kingsville. Coaching 42 years – Irving MacArthur, Samuel Clemens, Seguin, Kitty Hawk, Judson High School

How did you first hear about Coaches Outreach?

Rick Rhoades

How has Coaches Outreach impacted you?

Given a greater understanding of the bible

Describe how you felt led to become a Field Rep for Coaches Outreach?

It provided an opportunity to share the word of the Lord with my fellow coaches

What are some ways you've spread the word about Coaches Outreach in your area?

Talking with pastors, peers and lay people in the community



Describe what God's been up to in your area since you started this ministry. What are some ways you see Him at work.....

....in lives of coaches?

Coaching lives changing to a closer relationship to God.

....in lives of study leaders?

Dedication to spreading the word and growth within the individual coaches.

....in kids/community in general?

Coaches lives and their character influence the lives of all that they come in contact with on a daily basis.

Overall, have you enjoyed being a Field Rep?

Would you recommend it to other retired coaches? (if so, why?)

Yes, I am enjoying this opportunity to minister to coaches. I know that God has opened this door for me. I pray that when I finish this ministry that the Lord will say – Well done my good and faithful servant.

Any last words?

I have enjoyed seeing the excitement and commitment in our lay leaders when we are visiting and talking.

What Do You See?

by Robert Irion
Director of Planning and Information



One of the strengths of Coaches Outreach is the way we study scripture. The inductive Bible study method popularized by Dr. Howard Hendricks provides the foundation for the Bible studies the coaches complete each semester. It is a simple way to dig deep into scripture to grow your faith. The method is broken up into 3 stages: Observation (What do you see?), Interpretation (What does it mean?), and Application (How does it work?).

The first day of class each semester, Dr. Hendricks would assign his students to make 25 different observations for a single verse of scripture. The next week he would assign them to make 25 additional observations for the same verse. Finally in week 3, he would ask them to find 25 more. The deeper you dig the clearer scripture becomes. It is critical to the success of the Bible study to see clearly what is happening before you can accurately interpret what the scripture means. Dr. Hendricks went to be with the Lord last year, but his teaching methods continue to inspire thousands each day.

Clear observation is the key to Bible study and really understanding anything. This got me thinking. What do you see when you look at Coaches Outreach? Most know that the ministry exists to encourage and equip coaches and their spouses with biblical truth, but you need to dig deeper to really see the ministry. Coaches Outreach ministers to over 4000 coaches each semester. Over 425 lay leaders have donated their time (26 weeks) to facilitate 2 Bible studies for each school year (1 in the fall and 1 in the spring). The lay leaders serve as a facilitator and encourager. They lead because they love the Lord and have no agenda. The Bible

studies are verse-by-verse studies that take the coaches through every major area of the Bible. Coaches know if they commit to the Coaches Outreach Bible study they will grow in their faith. The Bible study playbooks are free to coaches and lay leaders due to the generous donations of all of our donors. Coaches from all backgrounds come together to study the Word. We see coaches coming to faith through the Bible studies and becoming coaches of conviction. They are impacting their athletes, students, peers, parents and communities by their actions. Some are even facilitating athlete studies based on what they are learning in their Bible study with the other coaches.

The summer marriage conferences minister to marriages on the verge of divorce as well as strong marriages seeking a closer relationship with the Lord. It is amazing to see God work in a single weekend. The couples leave the conference with a renewed spirit, hope, and a clear mission. The impact of a strong marriage is priceless. Many students come from broken homes and look to the coach and his/her spouse as an example of what a marriage and family could be like with God in control.

When the outside world looks at Coaches Outreach, it sees 4 full-time staff members trying to cover over 400 Bible studies in 16 states. However, we see 425 lay leaders serving their coaches, over 4000 coaches serving their spouses, families, students, peers and communities, and over 325 marriages from last summer's conferences growing stronger with God at the center. We see the greatest youth ministry in the world and God using coaches and their spouses to touch a generation. What do you see?

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For the Refrigerator

We are often asked how someone can pray for the ministry. Here are some major requests for the next 6 months.

October

- Bible studies
Pray that our Joseph study will be challenging and encouraging to the hearts of all coaches involved in our studies.
- Coaches
Pray for safety for all the students participating in athletic events this school year.
- Coaches Marriages
Pray that the Lord will keep their marriages strong during this busy time of the year.

November

- Bible Study Leaders
Pray for those currently leading Bible studies, that they would be an encouragement to their coaches and that the Lord would bless them for their service. Also pray that the Lord will continue to bring new leaders to Coaches Outreach. Those who will understand our mission and want to get involved somehow with the ministry, whether through leading a study or becoming an area Field Rep.
- Bible studies
Continue to pray for our Joseph Bible studies. Pray for strength and boldness for coaches as they impact thousands of youth in the name of Jesus Christ.

December

- End of year funds
Pray that the Lord will bring in the necessary funds for all upcoming events, such as the spring Bible studies and the 2014 summer marriage conferences.
- Bible studies
Pray that the Bible studies will finish strong and the coaches and lay leaders will grow closer to the Lord as a result.

January

- Banquet
Pray for the success of our annual fundraising banquet, which will be held on Saturday, January 25.

■ Bible studies

Pray for new Bible studies to start in the spring and for the Holy Spirit to work in coaches' lives as they work through the new study.

February

■ Lay Leaders

Pray for the men and women leading Coaches Outreach Bible studies across the United States. Ask God to bless their service and help give them the right words to facilitate the studies each week.

March

■ Summer marriage conferences

Pray that registration for the conferences goes smoothly. Pray that at-risk couples hear about the conferences and are led to sign up to attend.

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in a well to die - gee, bad luck. Better not say, "Just coincidental" to Scott Henderson. He'd look at you funny. Observing the rest of Joseph's life (Gen. 37-50) would make any of us reconsider coincidences.

All the coaches are going to have sideline passes to Joseph's life. They will see a man whose life will be orchestrated right before their eyes for 12 weeks. Do you think their win/loss record will bring much stress after observing God's providence-building faith in Joseph's life? I think they'll see that the same God is in total control of their lives. He either is, or he isn't. There is no middle ground in the life of faith.

Thank you for helping us deepen the faith of coaches and expand Coaches Outreach.

Coaching with Conviction

by Mike Breeden,
Director of Central Outreach

We all have had that one coach that impacted our life, either positively or negatively. Coaches who have the most influence on a person's life are those coaches who coach with conviction. Over the years, I have developed a strong regard for great coaches who had strong conviction. Coaches like Amos Alonzo Stagg, James Naismith, John Wooden, Pat Riley (1600+ wins), Vince Lombardi, Lou Holtz and many in between. Though not all are Christian who have godly character, they all have one common denominator-- they coached with conviction. Conviction is an amazing belief that carries a firmness that will not allow you to buckle under pressure. If coaches coach with conviction and strive for godly character, that drive will see amazing rewards with eternal fruit. Growing godly coaches who coach with conviction is what we desire at Coaches Outreach.

Recently I was spending some devotional time in Acts and read the account of the Ethiopian eunuch found in Acts 8:26-39. Philip was traveling along and stumbles upon an Ethiopian eunuch, who holds an influential position in his community, like a football coach. Philip, the leader (lay leader) who happened to be passing by is approached by a eunuch with a question about what he was reading in the scriptures. The Word of God became a platform Philip used with the Ethiopian. This Ethiopian eunuch, after his time in the Word and with Philip, has the opportunity now to impact a community like never before. We see that this was the first Coaches Outreach bible study. Well not really, but it does make the point. That is what I am so excited about here at Coaches Outreach. We find a godly lay leader (Philip) who desires to speak into the lives of coaches (Ethiopian

eunuchs) who have influence in their communities. The Word of God causes a person to grow godly character, and a godly coach who coaches with godly character can change the world like no one else!

But, it starts in the home with strong marriages and kids who are disciplined and loved.

I am saddened to say many of the coaches I played for had a negative effect in my life. Though they coached with conviction, to my knowledge they were not godly men. However, I can say that I have coached alongside some very godly men who have left their fingerprints on my soul.

A coach with godly character, who coaches with conviction, will influence the lives of other coaches professionally who in turn will leave a mark on kids, and impact families (theirs and others), making an eternal significance Kingdom-wide.

Let me ask you, "Do you desire to be a "Philip?" One who can facilitate discussion about scripture with "eunuchs?" Does Philip's life encourage you to step up and speak more boldly about Jesus? The Word of God is a springboard to share in the lives of coaches. Are you open to letting the Lord give you the privilege to meet with coaches using scripture as a platform? Are you open to coming alongside coaches and build friendships? Coaches today are hungry for God just as the Ethiopian was, and maybe God is leading you to be part of the spiritual growth of coaches. If so, God may be stirring your heart to lead a study for us. We would love to talk with you if this is something you desire. Contact me at 214-654-0042 or mike@coachesoutreach.org.



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