



COACHES
OUTREACH

Fall 2022 Point After

A LETTER FROM A COACH

I have been a football coach for 15 years, and have been blessed with the opportunity to mentor thousands of inner-city students over the years and have felt like I have made a difference for many of them.

When COVID-19 hit, education changed. Over the past year and a half, I have worked harder than ever. Many of my colleagues are leaving the profession so that they can make more money and not be as stressed out. Over the last six months, I have been considering doing the same because my paycheck does not keep up with increasing inflation and gas prices - not to mention how crazy parents have become. In addition, I have to miss seeing my own three kids grow up. I have been praying for the Lord to show me what I should do and he blessed me with this retreat.

In attending this retreat, I have been reminded of all the kids that I have helped become great fathers, husbands, employees, and most importantly, Christians. I have also been able to reconnect with my wife and strengthen our marriage before we go back into another grind of a football season.

Thank you, so much, for financially supporting us on this retreat! We could not have afforded this otherwise, and I would have continued with my summer wondering if this is where God wants me to be. Your money made a difference for me and my family and has given me wind in my sails for the upcoming year. Thank you so much for helping me renew my focus on God's Kingdom!

Sincerely,
Coach



The testimony you just read is one of many we heard this past summer at our marriage retreats. The pressure you can feel through those words indicates a national crisis in the coaching world. Last year, in Texas alone, 7000 coaches, athletic directors, and trainers left the profession. That is staggering. We live in exceptionally unique times that are creating additional stress to an already overwhelming vocation. Another coach wrote this:

"This past school year was the most difficult year I have ever had. I saw no purpose or added value to coaching in my life. I was ready to walk away and completely change my profession. The marriage retreat helped me regain perspective on my ministry as a coach. It helped reshape and give me a holistic view on coaching - which requires Christ-like love and patience. It helped me to understand how my impact as a coach and husband lays seeds of growth for future generations."

At Coaches Outreach, we believe coaches have the greatest platform in our society to impact the next generation. We love reminding them they are God's ministers; powerful voices and models for him.

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We are committed to coming alongside coaches to encourage and strengthen them in their efforts.

- We want *them* to see the difference they make.
- We want to provide resources for their marriages to be strong and healthy.
- We want them to study and interact with the Scriptures daily.

I want you to know it is working. As the testimonies you read make clear -- Coaches Outreach is making a difference!

- Coaches are being re-envisioned;
- Marriages are being restored and strengthened.
- God's word is being taught.

This semester, in 728 schools, coaches will be studying the *Psalms*. The timing could not be better. They will learn how to express deep emotions and how to rely on God in the most troubling times.

Please join us in praying for these men and women. And thank you for supporting us in this endeavor.

Sincerely,
Pete

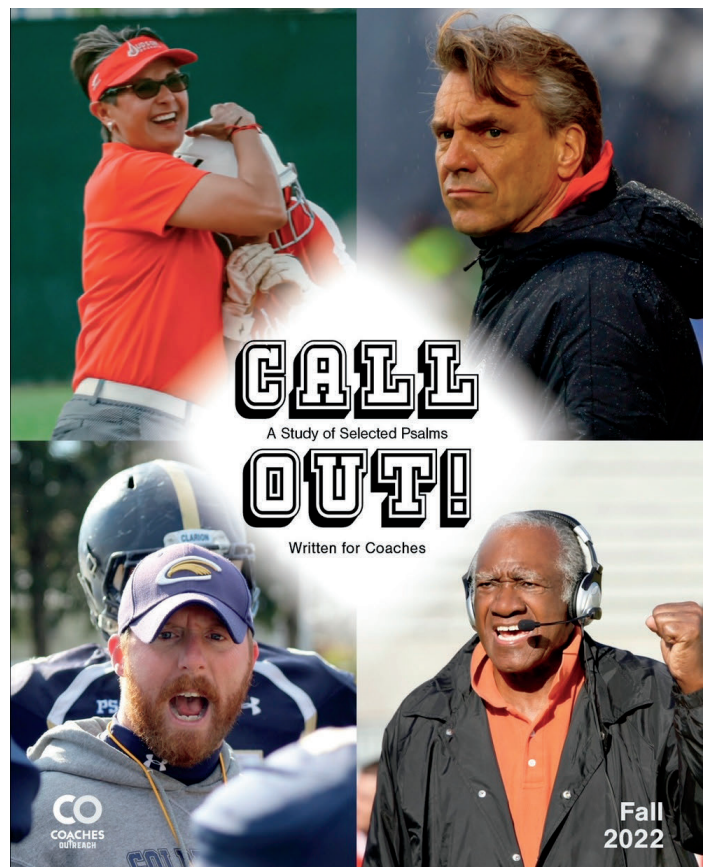
This semester, our playbook entitled, "Call Out", looks at 12 Psalms. These representative passages cover a variety of circumstances encountered by various psalmists and how to bring them before God. Through their incredibly honest and vulnerable expressions, we're learning how to prayerfully describe our situations and how we feel about it, and then leave it in God's faithful hands.

CALL OUT!

BY MARK CHALEMIN

Every job has its ups and downs. Coaches, however, face their ups and downs moment by moment, week after week, and year after year. As you read on our cover, the current pressures lead many coaches to quit the profession entirely. They typically feel joy, disappointment, anger, frustration, excitement, hope, and despair...and that's during just one game! Although we usually see them ride their waves before thousands of fans, it's not the only place. Floods of emotions can often come in the loneliness of an empty field, darkened office, or late-night phone call.

Stretched over the course of a season or a career this roller coaster of emotions can take a heavy toll. How can a coach - especially a *Christian* coach - express the depth of these emotions? Whom can they trust to understand their struggles as well as keep everything confidential? Where can they turn? The *Psalms*!



Since many of our studies began in August, we're already hearing back from Lay Leaders and coaches. Many have never studied the book before and are discovering that these from-the-gut prayers offer freedom and empowerment as well as direction and inspiration. They are realizing that no matter what they are going through, no matter who or what they face, they can remember their God and call out.

RETREATS

"This retreat was an awesome getaway after an eventful first year of teaching and coaching. I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to attend this retreat so early in my marriage. I think this will help us lay the foundation for a faithful marriage. It was awesome getting to meet so many couples and get marriage advice from couples with experience."

"From the amazing worship music, food, fellowship, and rich speaker, we are blown away every year at our own experience and the impact it has on our own marriage. It seems that as times goes on, the challenges we face martially and in our profession seem to grow in difficulty. There is no monetary value I can place on what this weekend means to us."

2022 REPORTING

5 RETREATS

22 STATES

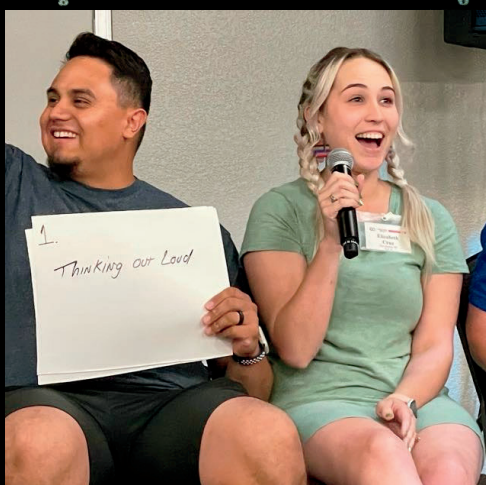
250 COUPLES

728 BIBLE STUDIES

1,100 WIVES

7,000 COACHES

"This weekend, I believe, saved my marriage. We had hit a rough patch and didn't know how to move forward until now. Coaches Outreach has given us a whole new perspective on how to see one another and how to appreciate one another. Without this weekend, I'm not sure that we could have done that on our own."



FALL 2022 GIFT HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

In honor of...

- David & Ashley Hall from Dan & Janet Chenoweth
- Scott Henderson from Joseph Henderson
- Fred Steven Phillips from Jim & Jan Dailey
- Tommy & Janice Maxwell from Joe & Nancy Foran and Jim & Mary Hughey
- John Dudley from Mike & Leslie Moss
- Dianne Loftlin from Jennifer Haar
- The Marshall ISD coaching staff under Jack Alvarez from James Runnels

In memory of...

- Joann Edsal from Jimmy Mitchell
- Charlie Lawrence from Buddy & Virginia Webb
- Dave Smith from Judy Smith
- Geoff Jackson from Dave Rogers, Edgar Wright, Charles Greer, Glenn & Brenda Gaustad, Richardson Ensweiler, PBC Stucker-Ball Adult V, Waylon & Cheryl McMullen
- Greg Porter from Heidi Aleman, Jim & Janie Streety, Tod Helweg, Cooper Storm, Mark Quinney, Joe & Beth Matulich
- James W Goldsmith from Loretta Goldsmith
- Kathy Goad from Dorinda Rickels, Kerry & Kim Kajihiro, Michelle DeLaat, Ray & Tanya Hydes, Gerald Wamsley, Kenneth Hammock, Kenneth Harton
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