



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN COACHES MAKE ROOM FOR THE WORD?

Across the country, something simple—but powerful—is happening in locker rooms and coaches' offices: coaches are making room for God's Word. This year alone, more than 50 new Bible studies have started. Not because coaches suddenly found extra time—but because they decided it was worth making time. So what's driving that decision?

"It is my weekly nutrition."

At Ridge Point High School in Fort Bend, Texas, Athletic Coordinator and Head Football Coach Rick LaFavers says the study has strengthened both his walk with God and the unity of his staff. "It's my weekly nutrition," he says. "It has brought our staff closer together... and shows a different side of one another." Their group meets early—6:30 a.m.—because that's when it works. "We just make it happen."

"We make this hour a priority."

At East Central High School in San Antonio, Athletic Coordinator and Head Football Coach Joe Hubbard built the study into a lighter practice day. "I look forward to it every week," he says. "It's a chance to surround myself with other believers and grow together." The impact doesn't stop with the staff—it ultimately reaches "the student-athletes we serve."

"If you wait until you have free time, it won't happen."

At Madison High School in Dallas, Athletic Coordinator and Head Football Coach Marcus L.

Gates puts it plainly: schedule it. "30–45 minutes in God's Word can make a tremendous difference." His staff didn't start big—just a few coaches committed to meet consistently. "The goal isn't just better coaches—it's better men, leaders, husbands, fathers, and mentors."

"Put it on the calendar."

At Timberview High School in Mansfield ISD, Athletic Coordinator and Head Football Coach Jacody Coleman keeps it simple: "We make time by putting it in our weekly calendar... just 30–45 minutes dedicated to it." "It has brought our staff together more."

Make Room

You probably won't find the time. You'll have to make the time. Every coach knows there is always something else that needs to be done. Practice. Meetings. Players. Parents. Family. But these coaches intentionally made room for something that is strengthening them personally, bringing their staffs together, and helping them grow in God's Word.

Coach... what would happen if your staff made room for the Word?

Pete Chiofalo

President
Coaches Outreach



CO ANNOUNCES NEW COACHES COUNCIL

A distinguished group of influential high school and college coaches has committed to advancing the mission of Coaches Outreach.

-  **Chad Morris — Clemson University**
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-  **Josh Floyd — Hewitt-Trussville HS (AL)**
-  **Joey McGuire — Texas Tech University**
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-  **Jeff Traylor — UTSA**
-  **Van Paschal — Cross County High School (AR)**
-  **Tommy Gilleran — Lake Hamilton HS (AR)**
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-  **Carlos Lynn — Cedar Creek High School (TX)**
-  **Drew Sanders — Vandegrift High School (TX)**
-  **Randy Allen — Highland Park HS (TX)**
-  **Steven Wright — Cardinal Gibbons HS (NC)**
-  **Craig Underwood — Hoggard HS (NC)**

These respected leaders understand that the influence of a coach reaches far beyond wins and losses. Through their experience, insight, relationships, and connection to the coaching community, Council members will help champion the mission of Coaches Outreach and broaden awareness of opportunities for coaches and their spouses to be strengthened through Biblical truth.

“God has given coaches an incredible platform of influence. This Council brings together coaches who understand that our greatest impact goes far beyond the game.”

**- Gus Malzahn,
Coaches Council Co-Chair**

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but the shared commitment to the mission.”*

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RUN THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT



By Mark Chalemin

Does the Bible ever seem this confusing to you? Specifically, have you ever started reading through the Old Testament only to find yourself wandering in the wilderness for what felt like forty years, only without Moses?

If you answered, “Yes,” you’re not alone. Most Bible teachers present the Scriptures to us in bite-size sections—a story here and there—not as a unified whole. For that reason, nearly 9,000 coaches and Lay Leaders stepped onto a track this Fall, where they will “run” from Genesis to Malachi in 12 Weeks. We call it, “Run Through the Old Testament.”

This unique playbook presents a “highlights reel” of the entire Old Testament, examining the pivotal events within those thousands of years. We’re not focusing on the mundane—names, dates, places, etc.—but on the key passages that shape the entire story. To remember the Big Story, we’ve set all 12 parts to a rhyme that even a child can recall and recite.

More than remembering the parts, we’ll be discovering the Author. We’re learning how the Bible is actually God’s self-portrait, painted with the brushstrokes of history. In that journey, we discover real-life examples of his love, grace, sovereignty, judgment, redemption, and so much more!



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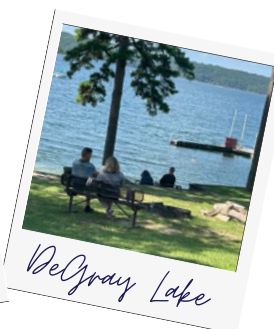
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