

Huddle Up

Matthew 10:5-8

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

5 These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons.

I believe the church as we know it is in the 4th and final quarter of the game. God knows the good things that we have done, and He has also seen the mistakes that we have made. He is aware of those who continue to faithfully fight to overcome, even though they are tattered, bruised, and injured. Spiritual champions often find themselves enduring a temporary pain, in order to have an eternal victory. We need to stop focusing our energy, our time, our thoughts, and our decisions on what happened earlier in the game and start focusing on what is still yet to come.

If God were to say, ‘Huddle Up’, what would he want us to hear? What would he expect us to execute? Would we be willing to put forth the effort to finish strong?

Isaiah 1:18-20

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

In that video, Drew Brees said a few things that bare repeating:

1. 60 minuets! 60 minutes!

**THERE'S AN ANOINTED TIME AND AN APPOINTED
TIME FROM GOD THAT ALWAYS LEADS TO VICTORY!**

The second charge that Drew Brees gave on the video was:

Win this game for one another!

John Donne, one of the greatest English poets wrote:

“No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as any manner of thy friends or of thine own were; any man’s death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.”

Romans 14:10-18

10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God’s judgment seat. 11 It is written:

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord,
‘every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.’”

12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. 13 Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. 14 I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean. 15 If your brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy someone for whom Christ died. 16 Therefore do not let what you know is good be spoken of as evil. 17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, 18 because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.

THE SINGULARITY OF UNIFORMITY WILL CHOKES THE LIFE OUT OF UNITY AND DIVERSITY

THE BENDING OF FLESHLY OPINIONS FOR THE SAKE OF UNITY, LEADS TO A BLENDING OF THE SPIRIT

The third charge that Drew Brees gave on the video was:

Play every play of the game like it's the most important play of the game!

Ecclesiastes 9:10

10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

WHEN YOUR HANDS COME TO THE END OF THEIR MIGHT, GOD'S HANDS WILL FINISH THE FIGHT

The final charge from Drew Brees that I want to mention is:

This is our house!!

Deuteronomy 28:1-14

If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. 2 All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God: You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven. The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the Lord your God and walk in obedience to him. 10 Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they will fear you. 11 The Lord will grant you abundant prosperity—in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground—in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you. The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations

but will borrow from none. The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.

**WHEN WE EXECUTE WHAT GOD HAS PROPHETICALLY
SPOKEN IN THE HUDDLE, WE WILL HAVE AN
UNDEFEATED SEASON**