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Heads Up!

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5)

In the verse above we read the words of Jesus. These words are a reminder to us that nothing, not one thing can be done for the kingdom apart from Christ. Let me illustrate with a baseball game. We can coach and play a baseball game. Hit, field, pitch and be motivated by the desire to compete we feel in our hearts, or we can worship Jesus while we compete and experience the very thing he created – sport, joy of competition, and our abilities.

You see, baseball (all sports) should be a worshipful, intimate experience. It can and should be Kingdom focused. And if he wants to be the reason for your joy in coaching and playing, how much more involved do you think he wants to be in the things that really matter to you?

Kingdom focus Has God’s glory at its center, and it has those around us in mind as well. When we abide in him, we will function in a way that produces fruit, that is, we will bring life to those around us. It’s about playing “heads-up” and recognizing the joy and opportunities given to us worship Him through all we do. Jesus said further in John 15:8-9, *“By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.”*

Question: What do you take for granted in your daily routine? How can those things have kingdom focus? Are you living heads-up?

Challenge: Read John 15:5 and Ephesians 2:10. We see the phrases “In Christ Jesus” and “Good Works” (Bearing Fruit) think through what that looks like for you today as you “Walk in Them”

Prayer: Jesus, I want your word to abide in me and help me abide in your love. Allow me to see and recognize the opportunities you have placed before me to witness for you. Amen.

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