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Peace, Purpose, Power

“Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” - John 20:21

The disciples after experiencing and witnessing the events that led up to the death of Jesus gather together in fear behind locked doors (v.19).

They had just lost their leader in ministry and were overwhelmed with disappointment by Jesus’ death. They had hoped He would overcome the power of the Roman government and establish a new kingdom, and now their hopes of this vanished. They were also filled with fear for their own future.

Yet, Jesus on his first appearance with the disciples chooses not to admonish them for their abandonment and fear. No, instead the first thing He does is aim to relieve their fear and says; “Peace to you!” (v.19). He then goes on to give them purpose; “As the Father has sent Me, I also send you” (v.21). Finally, Jesus provides them with power as He breathes on them and says; “Receive the Holy Spirit” (v. 22).

As disciples and followers of Jesus Christ, we have all been given peace, purpose, and power. And because of His resurrection, we can all be assured that His peace will overpower any of our fears, His purpose for us will provide direction, and His power will overcome any of our weaknesses.

Peace, Purpose, and Power! What a way to live. What a way to coach!

Question: Are you living as someone who has received the peace, purpose and power of Jesus? Are you providing this peace, purpose and power to your athletes?

Challenge: Read John 19-23.

Prayer: Thank you for not admonishing me for my fear, lack of direction, and my times of weakness; and instead providing me with your peace, purpose and power. Thank you for the opportunity to build a Christ-centered legacy not only on the ballfield, but in my family and community! Amen

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