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## Promise

***“For I know the plans I have for you”—this is the LORD’s declaration—“plans for your welfare, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)***

The verse above from Jeremiah is one of the most wonderful and often quoted promises of God. It speaks about his future plans in our lives. It is a generational promise. A promise that was specifically made during the exile of God’s people to Babylon.

Jeremiah’s prophecies came true. The people of God did go into exile as he warned, they “bloomed” where they were in Babylon and they were later restored and brought back home to Israel.

As coaches, you are called to leave a Christ-centered legacy. A legacy that positively impacts the lives of your athletes. This includes speaking words of encouragement and sharing with them the promise and plans for good that God has for their future.

As a coach you are a catalyst for internal transformation. Transformation not only in their skills as a ballplayer and competitor on the field, but also as a child of God full of purpose off the field!

Live your legacy. Leave your impact. This week share with your players that God does have a plan for their life. Not plans for failure or defeat, but plans for victory. Let them know they are not average or mediocre. They are plans that are “good, pleasing and perfect.” (Romans 12:2). Explain to them that in order to have God’s promise fulfilled in their lives they will need to seek Him.

Now that’s leaving a legacy!

**Question:** Have you shared with your players the promise of God? Have you told them that in order to have his plans fulfilled in their lives they will need to seek him?

**Challenge:** Leave a mark with your players. Share with your players the promise of God and the importance for them to seek Him. Read Jeremiah 29:1-23.

**Prayer:** Lord, thank you for affording me the opportunity to leave a Christ-centered impact in the lives of my players. Grant me the courage, strength and wisdom, to “serve and worship” you.

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