

PRAYER IN THE END ZONE

College football star Mike Rohrbach of the University of Washington once made three trips into the end zone of a big game against Stanford University.

At the close of the game, he and about a dozen other players – from both teams – knelt in the end zone. Thousands of fans wondered what that post-game huddle was all about. So did the sportscasters.



Rohrbach, a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was happy to tell them that the players had “thanked the Lord that we got a chance to compete and see each other as friends.”

Win or lose, they knew that the greater value of the game lay in the relationships they might develop with each other, and with God.

The same spirit of prayer invaded the Washington Redskins locker room after they were defeated in a Super Bowl by the Miami Dolphins. After the team prayed together, one of the players, who had fumbled four times, reminded his fellow team members that the success of any person or team lay not in the way they handled a victory, but in the way they handled defeat. Any theology must survive tragedy and loss, or it is not good theology.

Whether we win or lose, the Lord remains the same. That’s the perspective we must always have when we pray. God does not promise us success, in the way we may define success. He promises us His presence *in all things* and His power to *face all things*.

For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him (Matthew 6:8).

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