

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

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Ever wonder if we should have “**Coaches Day**?” These are the people who not only have children playing a sport, but have agreed to help others. They create teams, schedule practices, get down on their knees halfway between home and the mound and pitch to little kids. They choose who plays offense and defense, when to make substitutions and how their teams relate to winning and losing. They do far more than just become sports figures. They become second parents to the youngsters; what they say matters and they know it. Like teachers and grandparents, they become a significant part of the influence all children have as they grow up.

And they're everywhere. From California to Maine, from New York to Texas, these people attend events that teach them about the games they coach, about the psychological responses of young people and about the sense of community everyone is building. For those whose careers keep them from coaching, they place their children into others' hands. For the large number of moms who cannot coach, they not only trust their kids to others, they bring snacks and provide rides. It's incredibly amazing to watch how this happens in every town in our country. Yeah, there are a few who get out of hand from time to time, but the vast majority of parents simply appreciate coaches. They love taking their children to coaches who teach them something besides what they learn at home, school and church. **Teamwork. Self-discipline. Physical skills. Competition.**

Does it matter? **You bet it does!** The hours these coaches spend with kids are hours they could spend working a second job. They endure unhappy parents or relatives. They watch some children get injured. They wonder about all those who don't come or can't come. They love their sport, but they love children even more. Every year they give to their community and very few even notice them.

Do they matter? **Absolutely.**

Welcome!

June 22nd, 2025



"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club

Prayer ½ hour before services



Prayer – every Sunday evening, from 6 – 7 here in the sanctuary. This is informal, come as you are for the time you are able. James 5:16 (ESV):

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our study of the Book of Ephesians.

30-Days of Prayer – the month of July. All the Assemblies of God churches throughout the United States will be joining together for 30 days of prayer in July. The prayer guides are on the table in the foyer. These will aid in praying for our church, community, State, nation, and world. Please take one and join in prayer!

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SERMON NOTES

THE BOOK OF ACTS TODAY #3

Text: Ecclesiastes 1:9; Habakkuk 1:5 and Isaiah 43:18-19; 2 Corinthians 4:7; 1 John 4:4

I. INFILLING

II. INDWELLING

III. _____ – 2 Corinthians 4:7

- The first church recognized that this treasure of power was in earthen _____ that had to be kept in _____.

We cannot live like the _____ and expect to have the _____ of God in our life.

- The Holy Spirit will not use us if we begin to _____ the instrument.
- The way we live and our _____ will affect the power of God in you.

IV. _____

They were men and women of intense _____.

Revelation 12:11

The weakness of a lot of churches today is that they allow _____ to determine their convictions.

1. My _____ will be as my relationship with God is. 1 John 2:3-11
2. My power will be proportional to my _____ to the obedience of God's Word. 1 John 2:15-17; 3:1-9

My relationship gets _____ when I put God _____. 1 John 3:13-24; 4:7-11, 20-21