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Adult Bible Class

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- 2015 College Football Playoff National Championship

Oregon Ducks vs. Ohio Buckeyes

Monday, January 12, 2015 @ 7:30 PM (CST)

AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas

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- Film: Colt McCoy – Quarterback for Texas [3:14]
- Bible Passage: Philippians 3:4-11
- Film: Landry Jones – Quarterback for Oklahoma University [5:15]
- Bible Passage: Luke 18:18-25
- Film: Sam Bradford – Quarterback for Oklahoma University [3:39]
- Bible Passage: Matthew 6:25-24
- Film: Baron Batch – Running Back for Texas Tech [6:52]
- Bible Passage: Luke 9:18-26

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- Colt McCoy – There's so many things that the world signifies as success.

<http://www.iamsecond.com/seconds/colt-mccoy/>

"For me, I'm successful because I have Jesus Christ living inside of me," says Colt McCoy, starting quarterback for the University of Texas.

College football's biggest stage provides Colt McCoy with a platform to share his story with others.

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- Colt McCoy – Quotes (Success)
 - "There's so many things the world signifies as success." [0:01]
 - "For me, I'm successful in life because I have Jesus Christ living inside me." [0:18]
 - "What am I doing to make sure that I come and live in Heaven with Him some day and who am I bringing with me." [0:32]
 - "Having a personal relationship with Christ is probably the biggest decision that any of us will make." [1:17]
 - "You need Him [God] right now more than any other time in your life." [1:54]
 - "I don't want you to remember me as the guy who made great plays on the football field. I want you to remember me because I was here for you. Because we sat down and had Bible studies together, and you came to know Christ better." [2:32]

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- Philippians 3:4-6 – No Confidence in the Flesh
Though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

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- Philippians 3:7-11 – No Confidence in the Flesh

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

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- Landry Jones – I had all the friends, all the girls. Everyone liked me. Everybody loved me.

<http://www.iamsecond.com/seconds/landry-jones/>

Sports always came easy for Landry Jones. Everyone wanted him for their team. Everybody loved him. He had friends, girls— the world was at his fingertips. Yet he still desired more.

Playing football at the University of Oklahoma was an easy decision to make—arriving on campus and discovering he was low man on the depth chart was another. He was no longer the star, no longer desired by everyone. After all, Oklahoma had the Heisman Trophy winner, Sam Bradford on their team. Landry was out of the spotlight.

Having his identity stripped away was a shock to Jones. He didn't know how to handle it which showed in a bad attitude and his pursuit of satisfaction in other things. But then came an encounter with God that changed his attitude, his focus, and ultimately his life.

He now has a new identity, one given to him by God.

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- Landry Jones – Quotes (Purpose in Life, Transformation)
 - "I had everything. So I didn't think I needed God." [0:35]
 - "So when I stepped on campus the first day, my identity was stripped away from me. Everything I had put my faith, my hopes and dreams in was stripped from me." [1:57]
 - "I started believing the lies that Satan had spoken into me in high school. That without football, without sports, I was worthless. Everyone hated me. Why am I even here on this earth if I can't play football." [2:10]
 - "I just wanted to die. This is when God comes in and just drastically changes my life." [3:19]
 - "All He [God] wanted was me. Instead of, 'I was Landry Jones the athlete, I was Landry Jones the Son of God.' And, that's all my identity was any how." [4:05]
 - "In the end of times It's going to matter what I did on this earth, and how I used my gifts for God." [4:26]

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- Luke 18:18-21 – The Rich Ruler

A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good--except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.' "

"All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.

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- Luke 18:22-25 – The Rich Ruler

When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

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- Sam Bradford – Being on the field is probably one of the toughest things to describe.

<http://www.iamsecond.com/seconds/sam-bradford/>

"The minute you start to think that you're first and your plans matter more than God's is the minute your life starts to go the wrong way." Oklahoma University's starting quarterback, Sam Bradford, gets nervous every time he hits the field, always recanting plans and plays in his head, but never forgetting that he works with a team and that God is always with him.

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- Sam Bradford – Quotes (Success)
 - “I realize that every Saturday I am not doing it by myself. Obviously, I have teammates, and we work as a team. But, I know there is something more than that. I know that the Lord is out there with me. I know that he has given me all the talent that I have and without Him [God] there is no way that I would even step foot on a football field” [0:42]
 - “Knowing that you are not out there alone is something that really does allow you to stay calm in such intense and pressure situations.” [1:02]
 - “To have a relationship with the Lord, and to be able to spend time with him every week is something that really just lets me get away from everything else.” [2:15]
 - “I know that having a relationship with Him [God] gives me strength. It gives me a sense of comfort.” [2:41]
 - “The rewards are eternal life in Heaven. Everything that He [God] wants you to do is the right thing for you to do.” [3:07]

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- Matthew 6:25-27 – Do Not Worry

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

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- Matthew 6:27-30 – Do Not Worry

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"

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- Matthew 6:31-34 – Do Not Worry

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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- Baron Batch – I knew what I was doing and I knew I was doing it right. Sometimes God takes you out of your element in order to get you straightened out.

<http://www.iamsecond.com/seconds/baron-batch/>

A product of Texas high school football, Baron Batch started his Texas Tech football career with "do it my way" attitude. Success in high school meant similar success as a college player, right? But one play changed that—where a simple ankle injury started a chain of events that would strip away the bravado of being a star. One surgery, two ,and many more would be needed before the injury and subsequent infection came under control. Months went by—an eternity for a college athlete.

The roadblocks he was experiencing in football were the key to discoveries he would make away from the sport. Now that he was injured and not playing, who were his friends? What were his interests? Where could he find support? Who was he?

Finally the roadblocks to playing came down. He could re-establish his identity. Which he has done with a greater purpose in mind.

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- Baron Batch – Quotes (Overcoming, Trauma)
 - “No one can tell me anything because I have done it on my own.” [0:44]
 - “I honestly believed that the success I had achieved was – it was only going to get better by me doing the way that I thought I should do it. And, it was absolutely not true.” [1:22]
 - “If you are 1,000 steps away from God, which I was, God will take 999 steps just so you will take that one.” [1:42]
 - “Every time waking up hoping that the nightmare was over. I was ready to quit. I was ready to quit. My identity was gone. God had taken my identity and the person who I said I was which was a college athlete and took it from me.” [2:53]
 - “All my friends that I thought were my friends never came and saw me, never came and really visited. It was 2 guys that I really didn’t talk too much on the team came and said ‘Baron, God has a plan for you.’ ” [3:23]

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- Baron Batch – Quotes (Overcoming, Trauma)
 - “God had removed all the distractions, and the one big distraction that was keeping me from Him [God] and that was football.” [3:47]
 - “I remember the first time I put back on my cleats and went back out to play. The feeling that I had knowing that the only reason I was out was because God put me back out there.” [5:03]
 - “All I can do every time I get in the end zone is point up. Point up and say ‘Thank-you, God. Thank-you, God because you are so, so, so, so faithful. You were faithful when I wasn’t. You were faithful when I laughed at you. You were faithful when I said I didn’t want to have a part of you.’ ” [5:44]
 - “I have 2 scars on my ankle – on the left and right side. I think that God gives us scars sometimes to remind us of where we have been and more importantly that he has healed us. And then once we have those scars we can show people, and say, ‘Look this is what God has done for me.’ ” [6:17]

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- Luke 9:18-20 – Peter's Confession of Christ

Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

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- Luke 9:21-26 – Peter’s Confession of Christ

Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

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- Class Discussion
 - What do you like/dislike about the film or films?
 - What do you like/dislike about the Bible passage?
 - How will YOU LIVE what you have learned this week?
 - Who will YOU TELL about what you have learned?

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- Final Thoughts ...
- For more information on Colt McCoy, please refer to:
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- For more information on Landry Jones, please refer to:
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- For more information on Sam Bradford, please refer to:
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