

WORD LIVING



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First Down & Goal

We thank you for your prayers and support over the years. We begin this Word Living Year with a lesson in football.

Several years ago, while attending the United Conference for Women, I had the opportunity to work with the tape ministry as attendees placed orders for tapes. There was some discussion about football and I called it a dumb game. My sister, once the shock of that statement had passed, explained the game to me. Although she explained it much better than I will ever be able to share, she used it to explain the Christian walk and as best I can, allow me to introduce you to the game.

- There are two teams and each come to win.
- Each team has a head coach and each player has a position.
- The teams wear uniforms so those watching can tell who they are and it helps the team members too.
- Each member of the team wears protective gear to minimize injuries.
- Each team has a playbook – football-coaching strategies.
- Each team member must report to practice as scheduled in order to play in the game.

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- Each member depends on each other to do their best so the team can win.

Well that was the introduction to the game and it was not hard for me to see the relationship to a Christian's daily walk. WOW – I could just see all the analogy and I wondered if I could hold it in my head until the Lord allowed me to share the news.

Well first, I had to experience some things so that the words were real to me. I love how God deals with his children and prepares them to lean and depend on Him for directions.

Now back to the game. I watched a football game and noted the following that were very important point:

1. The game is played in an open area for all to see. The players never know who is watching them but they know that what they say, when, where and how, is

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being observed. Their face and the team name go together. One might say they are connected and they represent the team no matter where they are and what they do.

2. Team membership is such that a player can only be a member of one team at a time. There is no this week on team 1 and next weekend on team 2. If you want to play, you must commit to one team for the season.
3. The head coach has the last word and calls the plays. The position of head coach carries great responsibility and requires knowledge of the game and experience.
4. Training is a key factor if the players are going to work together as a unit to accomplish the goal of winning. No matter how great a player is, if he does not train with the team, he is ineffective. The aspect of training helps each player understand that on your own you cannot win.



5. There are several positions needed and the coach knows the strength of each player and assigns them to the positions that are best for the success of the team.

Of course, there is more to come, but this was such an eye opening experience and a great example to use to help us understand the concept of teamwork (working together for a single cause).

October, should the Lord delay his coming – Each team has a head coach and each player has a position.

His servant, Karen

“The head coach has the last word and calls the plays.”

Who’s leading you?



*HEAD COACHES
NEED KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE*

