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As I See It. . . . By Brian Gregory

The NFL has been under serious pressure lately with the scandals involving child abuse and spousal abuse. However, with all the bad press, recently the Redskins Q.B. Robert Griffin, was told to turn his shirt inside out or be fined. What it said was shocking: Know Jesus Know Peace. No Jesus No Peace. It appears the NFL should look for some positive role models.

This short rings so true. Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and Lord of Peace (2 Thes. 3:16). All true peace comes through Him (Acts 10:36). Knowing Jesus leads to a "Peace that passes comprehension" (Phi. 4:7). Jesus offers an abundant life (John 10:10). Jesus teaches respect for women and children (ie., John 4; John 8; Luke 18:16-17). Jesus teaches selflessness (Mark 10:45). Jesus teaches lessons that the NFL and world desperately needs to hear.

Without Jesus, there can be no true peace in this lifetime. People will tell you how to find peace elsewhere, but they never lead to real peace (Jeremiah 8:11). Without Jesus, there simply is no peace in this world or the next (John 16:32-33).

A t-shirt may not answer the NFL's problems, but the message on it can. Know Jesus and His peace today, because without Jesus, there is No Peace.

Brian

Some thoughts from Greg Wanderman

What We Do Affects OthersJoe Macer

Joshua 7:25 Joshua said, "Why have you brought this trouble on us? The Lord will bring trouble on you today."

Israel had been defeating their enemies with ease. Their success came because the Lord was with them. The Lord was watchful for his people and fought for his nation. Israel came up against a small city named Ai. They believed that it would be another easy victory and so instead of sending the whole army out, they sent only 3000 soldiers. Israel lost this battle. Thirty-six soldiers lost their lives and the entire army was fleeing the men of Ai. Why did they fail? Lives were lost because one man decided to sin by violating God's covenant. Achan stole some items during the previous battle and then lied about it. The consequences of his actions led to the death of soldiers and a nation that was in great fear due to the defeat. Later after Achan was identified as the sinner, his family lost their lives due to his sins. Joshua rightly asked, "Why have you brought this trouble on us?"

Do we consider the consequences of our actions when we are planning to sin? How will the use of drugs or alcohol affect not only myself but others? How will my gossip affect those that I am talking about? How will my fits of rage affect others? How will my decision to stop attending the assembly affect my children?

Each and every decision that we make must be done with the thought of not only pleasing God but also in how it will affect others around us. Let's not be found guilty of leading others down the wrong path. May we never hear the question, "Why have you brought this trouble on us?" because of our sinful decisions. People are always watching what we do and how we respond. What we do does affect others. Let's set the proper example in all that we do.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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If anyone needs to be taken off or added to our prayer list, please notify the office.

WORSHIP LEADERS SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
 Prayer.....Blair Keeling
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Greg Lusk
 Serving:
 Jerry Barber Larry Nicholson
 Terry Burgess Ronnie Skelley
 Johnnie Johnson Tommy Skelley
 Gary Boyd Barrow Brown
 Read I John 3:1-3.....DeWayne Hickman
 Sermon: How Great Is God's Love For Me.....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Sam Quirk
 Prayer.....Tyler Brown
 Read.....Ryan Massey
 Sermon:Brian Gregory
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Mike Lyle
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Charlie Willis

Ushers: Bill Fuller, Chase Thomason, J.W. Gilliam
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 Audio/Visual: Alex Jones
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014 - 6:30 P.M.

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Donna Hubbell, JoAnn Johnson
 P.M.....Melissa Jones, Lisa Kelley

Song LeaderJerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Richard Farris
 Announcements/Speaker.....Jim Pollard