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BRINGING ATHLETES CLOSER TO GOD IN A REAL WAY

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My friends, Ted & Queena (and Baby Josh) are leaving Tucson to head to Florida. Ted got into grad school at the University of Florida. I'm going to miss them, but God bless their new stage in life!!



T. Wade and me at *Night with the Cats*. He is one of the guys I am currently discipling.

Night with the Cats

As I wrote in my last newsletter we had our *Night with the Cats* event on May 8th. It was an awesome night and a great encouragement! The best part was probably the testimonies and stories from the students. Specifically, one of the football players did an amazing job. I was talking to him the morning of and he seemed a little nervous for his talk, but as he got up to talk he did an amazing job just telling his story of God and sport and how the two collide. I think he impacted everyone there that night.

What Gets You Excited?

Here's a story that answers this question... Ben (AIA staff) and I had a couple more discipleship meetings as final exams were ending and the school year coming to a close. It was a Tuesday and we were meeting with a UA football player. Normally, just a few hours before our discipleship meetings, we will text the athletes to make sure they can meet. A lot of them sometimes forget that we're meeting or have to cancel for various reasons. (It gets discouraging at times.) Well anyway, we were ending the meeting and Ben said to the football player, "Well I'll text you next week to see if you're still here and see if you want to meet with us." He replied, "Bro, you don't have to text me anymore to see if I'm coming... I'll be here. I like meeting with you guys. If I could, I'd meet with you twice a week. In fact, yesterday, I saw you guys meeting with that Track guy and I thought to myself *dang I wish that were me.*"

This is what gets me excited... knowing that I am making a difference in the lives of others. There is nothing else I'd rather be doing than being a part of God's work in changing lives for His Kingdom.

Graduation

I am a graduate of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary!!! I graduated on May 28th with 25 of my peers. One of my favorite parts of the ceremony was the time of prayer and laying on of hands. Each professor took two of us graduates and just prayed over and laid hands on us for our future and our lives in ministry. Another highlight was my friends and family who came to my graduation. There were around 25 people who came, most of them coming from Tucson. I cannot express how much joy and encouragement I felt just to know they were there supporting me. I definitely was not expecting that many people to show up. Thank you to all who came! You are a blessing!

With Joy,
Jeremy



One of my professors laying hands and praying for me during my graduation ceremony.



My parents supporting me at graduation. Thanks for all the support and encouragement throughout my life!