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BRINGING ATHLETES CLOSER TO GOD IN A REAL WAY

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Hey All! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving in Cali

Convinced by my cousin Andy, I headed out to Irvine, CA for Thanksgiving. I had a great time just catching up with some of my cousins out there! We went to the Citadel Outlets and the Block at Orange for some Black Friday shopping. It was absolute pandemonium at the Citadel Outlets, but we weathered the storm! The extended weekend was great, but I'm back ready to finish the semester strong!

Ministry of Presence

“Be invisibly visible.”

That saying came from Jon (campus director). We had the opportunity to go to a closed practice for the football team where I soon realized the value of the ministry of presence. Especially in sports ministry, there is an importance of just being in the presence of those you are ministering to and trying to reach. Coaches, staff, and athletes often wonder why we are here. Do we want something from them? Do we pose as a “threat” of getting in the way of what they are trying to accomplish? These questions are something we must take seriously.

The ministry of presence gives us the chance to show that we are not a threat. It takes time to develop their trust. Back on the practice field, Jon and I were able to stand in the background. It was awesome because the Lord still gave us opportunities to talk to some of the athletes before they started practice. We were even able to engage some of them in spiritual discussions! It might not seem like much, but the ministry of presence is truly important in sports ministry.

AIA Winter Retreat

Jon, three staff from Arizona State University AIA, and I went up to Williams, AZ to check out the Young Life Retreat Center for our Winter Retreat. The place is amazing! Our retreat is scheduled for February 11-13. Starting next semester we are spreading the word about our retreat to UA, ASU, NAU, Grand Canyon University, and UNLV campuses. Please pray that God will bring many athletes so they can hear Truth and engage with other athletes. SO STOKED!

Coming Soon

From December 27-29, I will be speaking at a youth retreat for Northwest Chinese Baptist Church in Phoenix, AZ. We will be heading up to Prescott Pines where I'll be giving four messages. I get super excited being able to speak and deliver God's truth, but I also get extremely nervous as well. Please **pray** that God shows up, because what I say is going to be pointless if He doesn't.

His Servant,
Jeremy

For more information, you can check out my website at www.wongside.com/jeremy



The first thing I did in Cali for Thanksgiving was see my friends Jeff and Lesley and their new baby boy, Jaden. He is absolutely adorable!

We ate dinner at Kang Kang's with our other friend Vien. Delicious food!



Me and my cousin, Andy, at Phoenix Drinks getting some dessert. There is delicious food everywhere in SoCal!



Here I am at the Young Life Retreat Center. There was a little snow on the ground. It was so cold, but it's going to be fun in February!