

# COME ALONG WITH J WONG

AND REDEEM SPORT FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

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## Sometimes it's the Little Things

Last semester, I needed help putting up a banner outside our room for one of our meetings. I shouted to a football player I had never formally met, “Ty, help me put this up.”

Fast forward to December, when I finally got the chance to sit down with him. As he shared his story with me, recurring themes of loneliness and insignificance kept popping up. His last statement shocked me the most...

“I don’t know if you remember this, but you caught me by surprise when you called me by name to help you with the banner. I was wondering if anyone in AIA knew who I was.”

At that point I remembered God sometimes uses little things in life to speak to people. Since then, Ty and I have been meeting every week for discipleship. He is hungry to grow and eager to learn why the Lord calls each of us **significant**.



## Winter Retreat

130 athletes coming together for a weekend to learn, grow, and be challenged in their faith... it doesn’t get much better than that. I always look forward to Saturday nights, which are specially reserved for the topic of ‘Sex and Relationships.’ After the main talk, we broke up into guys’ small groups where I sat with a group of 4 men. They were all from the same university and on the same team, a freshman, a sophomore, a junior, and a recent graduate. As I listened to the discussion, I knew something divine was happening in that room. Two of the guys had never shared openly on this subject. And locker room pressure seemed easier to bear knowing they had each other’s backs. Guilt and shame, deep inside, was starting to break and freedom to accept God’s grace entered.

Pray for these men, that they would continue to rely on God and each other in this area.

(left) Last pic of Winter Retreat  
(right) Athletes learning how to start spiritual conversations using a tool called *Soularium*

## My Soapbox

(This is a short sharing of how God has impacted me in a profound way.)

*A pastor... once said he could tell a great deal about a person’s relationship with God by listening to him or her pray.*

This statement came from a book I’m currently reading. I’ve read this statement several times always feeling a bit uneasy. Is this arrogant or accurate? I find myself wondering if that pastor could let me in on the tells he looks for in prayer so I can make sure my prayers indicate a “good” relationship with God. Ultimately, no one on the outside looking in can fully know, but it has challenged me to question the state and progress of my own relationship with God.

Personally, I have been in a bit of a spiritual lull. When I think back to the different times where I was on fire for Jesus, I *do* think my prayers were more vibrant, filled with hope and anticipation. What am I missing right now?

Regardless of whether you agree with the above statement or not, my question to you would be: How are you doing in your relationship with God?

