



General Session 1

Connect & Cultivate

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Just like sports history, God is writing a greater story through you—one not measured by _____, but by _____.

1. CONNECT: Our Identity Comes From the Vine, Not the Jersey.

Jerseys are achieved through _____; salvation is received by _____ (Ephesians 2:8-9).

We don't earn a spot on God's team—we answer His _____.

Jesus is:

- The Bread of _____ (John 6:35)
- The Light of the _____ (John 8:12)
- The Good _____ and the _____ (John 10:11)
- The Resurrection and the _____ (John 11:25)
- The Way, the _____, and the Life (John 14:6)
- The True _____ (John 15:1-5)

Apart from Christ, we can do _____, but connected to Him, we belong to _____ team, _____ Coach, _____ mission.

Connection happens daily through _____, _____, & _____.

When we stay connected, His _____ flows through us to the _____.

2. CULTIVATE: Growth Comes Through Pruning, Not Comfort

God cultivates us as the _____.

John 15:2 says God _____ fruitful branches so they produce _____ fruit.

Pruning can be _____, _____ and often _____, but it is always _____.

In hard seasons, we go to the _____, not the _____.



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The Word provides:

- _____ under pressure
- _____ for decisions
- _____ in temptation
- _____ in doubt

God's people learned to _____ even when they didn't understand His
“_____”.

Like an olive tree, the best fruit comes through _____, _____ and
_____.

The result is pure _____ that keeps the _____ burning.

3. COMPETE: We Play for an Audience of One

When we remain in Christ, how we _____ changes.

We choose to:

- _____ others
- _____ teammates
- _____ instead of tearing down
- Compete with _____
- Give our _____ even when no one is watching

Great teams _____ others.

Great disciples _____ well.

We run with:

- _____ – enduring through hard seasons
- _____ – received from God and given to others
- _____ – thankful for every opportunity



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The Real Win

The real victory is not trophies or stats, but whether we:

- Made _____ known
- Carried His _____ well
- Lived the life He _____ us to live

That is _____.

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We don't play for victory—we play _____ it, because Jesus already
_____.

Remain in the _____.

Let Him _____ you.

And watch Him write _____ through your life.