



### **“Play like a Champion: Four Spiritual Strategies Guiding Victory in the Game of Life.”**

The Comeback Coach, in his usual encouraging, thought-provoking and entertaining style, shares with audience members four Biblical principles that can help them, as he likes to say, “Play like a champion in the game of life.”

The key messages in all of Mark’s Pep Talks are the following: We must be a student, not a victim, of life’s experiences; never grow weary of doing good for others; despite life’s roller coaster ride, put fear and self doubt aside and allow wonderment to win and life a life that honors God, nurtures those dependent upon us and adds value to the communities – home, work and elsewhere - we serve.

These four fundamental strategies for success in life are based upon Scripture. Mark’s spiritual journey accelerated tremendously in his early 20’s. He had just moved from his hometown of Kansas City, Missouri to Dallas, Texas to work for a major American corporation. He was also trying to start fresh after a painful relationship breakup with his high school/college sweetheart.

Mark found solace , strength and a renewed sense of spirituality in reading a Bible given to him by his former high school football coach. In fact, he read it from front cover to back, like it was a book. He discovered what an incredible book of wisdom, for playing like a champion in the game of life, God’s word contained.

Today when he presents “Play like a Champion” in a faith-based setting four powerful Bible verses are the foundation of the message: Jeremiah 29:11, Galatians 6:9, Colossians 3:13 and 1 Corinthians 14:8. Here’s what it looks like:

Jeremiah 29:11: “For I know the plans I have for you....” Is the foundation of the strategy of being a student, not victim, of life’s experiences; Galatians 6:9 inspires Mark’s call to others to “Never grow weary of doing good things for others”: Colossians 3:13: “Be gentle and forgiving.... “ is used by Mark to encourage audience members to forgive ourselves of past experiences, put fear aside and allow wonderment to win; Finally, 1 Corinthians 14:8 “If the trumpet does not sound a clear call...” is Mark’s spiritual foundation while challenging others, in thoughts, words and actions, to focus on things that honor God, nurture those dependent upon us and add value to the communities we serve.