



Banner of LOVE

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One of the most needed but unrecognized ingredients for a successful Football team is LOVE. We don't usually think of LOVE when we think of guys playing FB, but it is without a doubt the foundation of any winning team. LOVE is exactly what drives players to want to play hard, reach down deep to give extra effort and sacrifice self for the good of others. "That" creates a bond, a unity that makes a team something special. Cultivate that with your guys and you define true success.

One of the most successful High School Football coaches in the country and former NFL All Pro, Joe Erhman, has built his program on 4 basic principles.

- 1) Allow yourself to LOVE and be LOVED
- 2) Try to think of others above yourself and include them in your life and plans
- 3) Base your thoughts and actions on serving "What can I do for you?"
- 4) Try to leave the world a better place because you were here

That sacrificial /greater purpose love was demonstrated in an amazing way by our creator and Lord when on the cross He laid down His life and in doing so, He who had no sin became sin for us so that we could be made right with God through Christ. The Bible says laying down one's life is the greatest act of LOVE we can do for a brother.

Jesus did just that!

So, how to you respond to that? What does he expect or require?

That you LOVE him beyond anything else in this world and LOVE your brother in that way.

Does your life bear the banner of LOVE?

Are you aware of God's LOVE for you?

Do you have LOVE for Him and others?

Let Love above all else define you on the FB field and in Life!

Memory verse:

His banner over me is LOVE

Song of Song's 2:4