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Dear Church Family at Grace Christian Fellowship,

His arms are the size of my legs. Bigger, probably, and stronger too. He was the #1 ranked running back in the nation coming out of high school, then the #1 running back in the NFL draft. He looks like he still could compete with the pros. All this to say, when this dude is standing in front of you and speaking, you listen. And that's what the entire varsity football team did that afternoon, as well as a packed room of athletes during our weekly AIA Prime Time gathering that night. But, you wouldn't expect that guy's main message to be this:



“Life is short. Death is Sure. Sin is the problem. Christ is the cure.”

William Green shared powerful stories of family, football, and faith to many students who, by God's grace and Spirit, had open hearts and minds to hear that very important gospel message. So when William offered the invitation for students to accept and trust Christ right now, 12 of them said yes! Over the past two weeks, I and our AIA student leaders and volunteers have been following up with those students and walking them through the gospel so they can have clarity and certainty of their salvation.



Such an exciting time! Please pray with us for these follow up meetings, and that the good word planted in these students' hearts would take root and would not be chocked out “by the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things.” (Mark 4:13-20)

What's more, the following week we hosted two-time Olympic medalist for USA Volleyball, Christa Dietzen, to speak to the varsity volleyball players and coaches, as well as to the AIAers at Prime Time. While William spoke about coming to faith, Christa spoke about walking by faith. Like William, Christa shared powerful stories of success and failure, of finding Christ while trying out for the Olympic team, and why—to all our surprise—earning Olympic Bronze in Rio was actually better than Olympic Silver in London (much of that had to do with her real motivation for competing and later learning how to truly play for an audience of One).

Friends, I hope you're encouraged with us for God's work on the college campus. Despite tremendous competition for the hearts and minds of this next generation, God is still bringing people into a relationship with Himself. Your prayers are being answered. God's Spirit is going before us and working behind the scenes in the lives of many. Thank you for your enduring prayers and support. Together, we're fulfilling the Great Commission of making disciples of Christ.

In His service with you,
Jarrod and Susie and kids