



# Staying the COURSE

I love college football! I love OU football. I love watching OSU football .When I was single I would just sit in my recliner and watch up to three football games on Saturday (Some of you are probably thinking, “What a waste!”). Because of this I have realized something. It’s easy to cheer when your team is winning.

But when your team is losing, and losing bad, it’s hard to “be of good cheer.” As an armchair coach, you question how they are lining up. How they are moving the ball. Why are they passing from the five?! Run it! Run it!

Sorry. I got carried away for a second. But you get my point. When everything is good, cheering is easy. When everything is bad, well, who cheers then. In fact we question. We yell. We scream at the nonsense that our “intelligent” minds obviously see. We know better even though we have never been in a single practice or huddle.

The same is true of our faith. When everything is looking good, we cheer. We thank God for the obvious. We trust that He knows what He is doing. But when it gets cloudy, we question God. We find it harder to thank and praise Him. In an honesty moment we would even admit to screaming at Him.

But we must remember, just like we aren’t in the practices and huddles, we don’t know the mind of God. He doesn’t run His ideas by us nor does he get our approval. He knows all things. He is IN all things. He has already been to the “end of time” and knows what He is doing. And for HIS glory, not ours. After all, it was His idea to send Jesus to the cross for us. What a dark day that was. God literally snatched victory from the hands of defeat. Or did He know all along and orchestrate the “Power Over Death” play?

So enjoy cheering your team, whoever that may be. Try not to scream at your TV or the refs. But also don’t forget to cheer and thank God. Even when His “play calling” doesn’t make sense. Just stay the course. Keep moving forward. When everything seems dark, start with thanksgiving and end with faith. He knows what He’s doing. And remember it is for His glory.

And God never went 8-5.

From My Heart,

*Billy*