Coach Mo Takeaways

Men's Life Luncheon Wednesday, September 16th, 2015

Kevin Durant Story

When he suggested he was "tired of being #2", Coach Mo suggested to him to get over his silly self and that he will never achieve #1 until #1 (Jesus) is #1 in his life

Tyler Zeller Story

When Coach Mo asked Tyler his senior year what his goal was, Tyler said, "To win a national championship." Coach Mo said, "Your goal is too small and too big." In other words, too big because only one team can win it and too small because it deals with many things out of your control. The goal should be "to run in the way to win the prize." Throughout the season, on and off the court, the goal is moral character. That should be all of our goals

General Dempsey

Christ followers need to focus on 3 areas

<u>Culture</u> - we create - do we add to or take away from ours? It is what makes you go.

- There are two perspectives that we want a team to have.
 - o Players love each other
 - o Coaches love them.
- Say nothing Detrimental
- Bring honor to Christ
- Work hard, pray, show love
- Rewards is a big part of culture, so acknowledge actions.
- It's impossible to grow in our Christian faith without obedience and humility.

<u>Coercion</u> – we need to stand firm and not let anyone move us from our Christian core values (WWJD).

- Something powerful tries to get a grip.
- A drive for expertise that governs your life.
- Humility (Our country in in grave trouble because of this)

<u>Courage</u> – Stand firm, let nothing move you. It's your moral courage that is the key.

- Much more important (and unique) than physical courage (professional athletes, military police, etc.) is moral courage.
- We are called to have moral courage...so rare but so right and such a powerful testimony.

Summary from Coach Mo

- Two Rules to His teams (and only 2)
 - o Do not do anything that would be detrimental to our organization
 - o Bring honor to Christ in your character and how you love others
- We need to learn to defer our expectations of our earthly rewards for our obedience. Faithful enough to hold out for eternal reward