

Dear Friends,

Ahead of Super Bowl LX on February 8, 2026, numerous players and coaches on the featured teams (New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks) are using their platform to share aspects of their faith and their identity in Christ. I've heard statements like: "faith is the central part of my life," and "faith is bigger than this moment." Here are some examples:

- Drake Maye (Starting Quarterback, New England) stated: "being a follower of Jesus is the biggest thing in my life."
- Jaxon Smith-Njigba (Star Wide Receiver, Seattle Seahawks) stated following his team's NFC Championship win: "I just want to give all glory to God....Win or lose, I wouldn't be here without him." Jaxon has described his faith as the foundation of his life and states that "leaning on God is the best feeling in the world!"
- Leonard Williams (Defensive Line, Seahawks) expressed gratitude for "God's will" in reaching his first Super Bowl.
- Henry Hunter (Tight End, Patriots) spoke of how God has "extraordinarily blessed" him.
- Joshua Dobbs (Backup Quarterback, Patriots) has emphasized his personal relationship with Jesus Christ, stating that he tries to live in a way that glorifies God in everything.

Central to the Christian philosophy is that the only thing that can truly fulfill us is the LOVE we encounter and receive by faith through our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our relationship with Christ is our primary identity. Christians in every walk of life are encouraged not to be defined by their performance, or sport, or looks, or profession, or accomplishments, or financial success...but by their relationship with God.

Fulfillment comes from shifting our focus from the potential "idols" in our culture such as sports, physical appearance, money, power, sex, and a multitude of measures for success-
-to see beyond the temporary things to the eternal purpose and significance of our lives.

Deeply rooted in our relationship with God, there is an "abiding peace" that remains constant regardless of the victory or defeat we will experience in the game of life!

"You will make known to me the way of life; in your presence is fullness of joy; in your right hand there are pleasures forever." (Psalm 16:11 NASB).