

# IMPACT

## HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED?

I remember very clearly during my sophomore year of high school a conversation I had with my varsity football coach. Earlier that week I had gotten into trouble in my sophomore English class for acting like a knucklehead. After serving a couple of after-school detentions as punishment, coach sat me down for a heart-to-heart talk. He said, "You are at a crossroads right now in your high school career. Whether you realize it or not, you have been blessed with an abundance of talent. Because of that, you are going to be remembered at this school for many years to come. Right now you have to choose. Do you want to be remembered as someone who was blessed with a lot of God-given ability but chose to be a goof and a clown instead of using those abilities to make a positive name for yourself? Or will you choose to work hard, keep a great attitude, be a great leader, and make the most of your abilities so that you might be remembered in this community as a hero and someone who others looked up to as a positive role model? Right now, more than you know, there are young kids in this town who are looking up to you and will follow your lead. The choice is yours, you need to choose. How do you want to be remembered?" That conversation has stuck with me for years and still inspires me today as an adult.

Over the years we come to realize that when we are lying on our deathbed, it will not matter how many touchdowns we scored or how many games we won with last second shots. It will not matter how much money, power, or prestige we obtained. The only thing that will matter is the impact we had on the lives of others. The people who love us most will not talk about our wealth and success. They will talk about how we lived our life, how we treated those around us, and how we used our God-given talents to serve others. These are the impressions that last forever!

1. What might people remember about you that will make you most proud?
2. What might they remember about you that would be most disappointing?
3. What will people remember most about how you made them feel?
4. How do you want your coaches to remember you after you move on?
5. What contribution to this team do you most want to be remembered for?

"Fame is easy to acquire, impact is much more difficult." - Hans Rosling