

Grade Nine: Theology

Course: Faith, Creed, and Sacraments

Text: *Season of Life*

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Summer Reading Primer

Terms/Characters

Boyhood	Joe Ehrmann	Biff Poggi	Virtue	Father/Son Relationship
Faith	Hope	Love	Adversity	Defense of the Fatherless
Fortitude	Composure/Balance	Wisdom	Justice	<i>That Guy in the Glass</i>
<i>The Decision</i>	False Masculinity	<i>The Losing Room</i>	Empathy	Accepting Responsibility

Questions

1. According to Joe, what is the job of a coach? What is the job of a player?
2. What was Joe's understanding of manhood as a boy? What is his understanding of manhood now?
3. What is your pre-game routine, if you have one? You might consider not just what you do as an athlete, if you play a sport, but also what you do as a student and as a person before a major test/event. What did the Gilman football team do as a pregame routine?
4. In Chapter 12, Biff talks about the Book of Job and Job's integrity as a man. Read from your Bible, the Book of Job, Chapters 40-42. Briefly describe Job's conversation with God. What had happened to Job? Was it pleasant? Did Job lose faith in the face of adversity? Did Job have the 'right' to hate God? Did he? What was God's response? What was Job's reward?
5. In Chapter 21, Jeff describes the philosophy of his first basketball coach: "No Regrets." Why did this stand out in Jeff's mind? What did he do as a result?
6. Have you ever had a relationship with a coach like Joe or Biff? Do you spend time just getting to know your mother and/or father as people?
7. Define "victory". How does one achieve "victory"?

Themes

1. What is the etymology of the word *virtue*?
2. How does The Catechism of the Catholic Church define *virtue*?
3. What are the four *Cardinal* Virtues?
4. What are the three *Theological* Virtues? Which is the greatest?
5. How do modern media present/portray *love*? How does Jesus demonstrate love? Which is better?

Reflect on the following quote: "*Love is not a feeling, it is a commitment.*"