



# FREEDOM HOOPS

DEVELOPING LEADERS. IMPACTING COMMUNITIES. FOR HIS GLORY.

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## “I BELIEVE ONLY WHAT I SEE!”

“If someone says they have a \$20 bill, and they show me the \$20 bill in their pocket, then I believe them!”

This is what \*Dion said to the entire team after a Bible study before a basketball game this spring. He calls himself an agnostic and claims he hasn't seen Jesus. Since then, Dion has continued to open himself to God including reading a devotional Bible each day.

Fast forward a month later, Dion looked awful. There was no life in his countenance a few minutes before practice. It had been a trend the last couple of practices, so I asked him the usual, “What's up?”

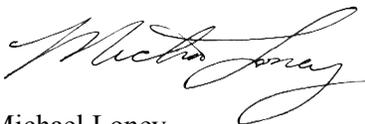
“Coach, you won't believe...”

Dion begins describing his family situation, which includes drugs, abuse, and threats to his personal safety each time he's in his own home.

As Dion shares his story, you can tell he loves his family, has a true sense of justice, and has deep wounds. As he continues to talk, his body posture begins to change and he blossoms like a flower. After an hour, Dion smiles and jogs to the last 30 minutes of practice.

We are working with the Kansas City Police Department on this situation and checking in with his family. Despite this horrible situation, there remains hope. We have the incredible privilege to let Dion “see” Jesus each practice, tournament, van ride, meal, and by way we care for his family through this time. We also get to teach our players who follow Christ to “show” Jesus to Dion as well.

**Would you pray for Dion to “see” Jesus?** Pray that he sees Jesus through the Word, in creation, and in our consistent Christ-filled presence in his life.



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Dion gets to "see" godly men pointing him to Jesus through the ministry of Freedom Hoops.

*P.S. On the back, check out these verses I plan on sharing with Dion on how he can “see” Jesus.*

*\* Name has been changed for safety reasons.*

## SEEING JESUS DEVOTIONAL

John 1:14 (ESV) “And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have **seen** his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*How does John describe Jesus? How are you trying to be like this description?*

2 Corinthians 4:6 (ESV) “For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

*Who is the one who shined light into our dark hearts? Where does our hope come from in people become saved?*

Matthew 5:8 (ESV) “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall **see God**.”

*Who are the ones who see God? What is your pursuit of purity in your life?*

Psalms 19:1 (ESV) “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.”

*How does creation point to God? For further study checkout: Romans 1:20*

John 13:14-15 (ESV) “If I then your Lord and Teacher, have **washed your feet**, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you **an example**, that you also should do just as I have done to you.”

*What was one of the last things Jesus did with his disciples? What role does this have in your life?*