

Looking at Life from the Press Box
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If you really stop to think about it, it does make sense. Christian author Max Lucado shares the story of his high school days of playing football when during one of the games he noticed his coach was not on the sidelines. Why would one of the football coaches disappear during a game that was so close? One minute the coach was there, the next he was gone. He couldn't imagine that the coach would just leave during the game. He was thinking all kinds of nasty things - from wondering whether the opposing team had kidnapped the coach to even wondering whether the coach might have gotten sick from swallowing some of his chewing tobacco.

No one else seemed to notice the coach gone, so he pride-fully took it upon himself to share his astute observation. "I wonder where the coach is?" "In the press box." "What's he doing there? Getting a cup of coffee?" "No, getting perspective."

It does make sense - a lot of sense. Down on the sideline it would be difficult to keep up with all that is happening in the game, because you are in the midst of it all. You not only have what's happening on the game field, you have the noise and action on the sidelines. You also have the fans shouting all kinds of advice, the cheerleaders cheering, and the band playing. Sometimes you have to get away from the game in order to see it more fully. Sometimes you need to step back from the action in order to gain proper perspective of the action that's going on.

The same applies to our game of life and the action that we are caught up in every day. Sometimes it is good to step back from the busy schedules, the ringing telephones, the yelling kids, and all of the other hustles and bustles to evaluate how our game is going. It's hard to keep proper perspective of everything that's happening when we are in the middle of the game.

My suggestion is to schedule some press-box time. Take some time out and get away from everything and everyone. Take some time away to really get a better perspective of all that is going on and where you are in the midst of it. Take at least half a day and really get away. Grab your Bible and get away from your normal activity areas and spend some time recreating and re-creating in the presence of our Lord. In candid honesty look at the game plan of your life and adjust the game plan accordingly. Re-read God's story. Re-connect with your maker and creator.

It's important to note that a day like this won't just happen. It must be made. Very few of us will ever wake up and just happen to have a free day on our hands. It must be planned. It must be scheduled and calendared in.

Grab your calendar and do it now. You deserve it and you need it, and your family and friends need you to do it.

Looking at life from the press-box and getting some press-box perspective could change the whole ball game.