### **Quarterly Report For WSRY Elkton, MD** For **January, 2023**/Public Affairs Broadcasts

<u>Programs relating to issues faced in our listening area of Cecil County MD and New Castle</u> County, DE **October through December 2022** 

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 ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, THE BRAND NEW "SPORTS AUTHORITY WSRY" TOOK IT'S BROADCAST TEAM AND TENT SET-UP TO THE CHASE CENTER AT THE RIVERFRONT IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE FOR STORMIN'S CLASSIC TOP 100 BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY.
For over 20 years Stormin' Norman Basketball League provided opportunity for organized sports and mentorship to City of Wilmington youth. This was a celebration of the league's top 100 male and female athletes!

During the ceremony, the top 100 players were inducted into Stormin's Hall of Fame by Norman Oliver and several elected officials. The ceremony was be held at the Chase Center on the Wilmington Riverfront on at 6:00 PM. The Sports Authority gave away \$ 200 worth of free gas cards for people who registered. We also talked to Delaware's Governor, John Carney who was at the event and talked to him on the air about our neighborhoods and the event. Several hundred people came out for the event.

2. ""<u>FAITH ON THE FIELD"</u> WITH ROB MAADDI (30 MIN PROGRAM AIRS SATURDAY AT 9:30 AM AND SUNDAY AT 6:00AM) (60 MIN PER WEEK) = MINIMUM 12 ½ HOURS PER QUARTER. THIS PROGRAM BRINGS IN WELL KNOWN SPORTS FIGURES AND TALKS ABOUT HOW THEIR FAITH HAS HELPED THEM ALONG THE WAY TO SUCCESS...GIVING HOPE TO LISTENERS WHO NEED HOPE. TOPICS AFFECTING LISTENERS IN OUR 3 SIGNAL AREAS IN 4 STATES (MD, DE, PA, NJ)/SHOW SUMMARIES:

Devin White Puts the Glory to God First AIRED: Oct 1 & 2, 2022

## Devin White puts the glory to God first. Rob discusses delivering the news of Christ to the world on a daily basis privately and publicly.

A Superbowl champion has a significant platform, and when God gave him that platform, one of the first things White did was give credit back to this Lord. He shared his Super Bowl-winning experience with <u>Rob Maaddi</u>. "The biggest game I ever played in my life, and I won it. But as you can see I didn't celebrate the victory first; I gave God thanks for being in the situation and helping us win in the situation. Obviously, I just wanted to praise him before I did anything else, and I think that was a great picture. That was like the highlight of winning the Super Bowl was just me showing my gratitude to the man up above for allowing me to even be there to be in a position." As White reflected on that moment at the Superbowl, and the life events that followed, he realized that there are highs and lows in life and that events don't always end with championships and celebrations.

"Because I mean, it don't always happen like that. But like I say, with everything I do, I put God first. You know whether I win or lose, you know, I lose and I go pray after the game, 'Thank you for allowing us to do it safe, health and everything.""

'So just one of those moments where I obviously did it and it was kind of like it was captured on film. So I mean it was a blessing."

#### Robert Griffin's Faith is His Fuel AIRED: Oct 8 & 9, 2022

Robert Griffin's faith is his fuel, as he explains rot Rob Maaddi. Jesse Bradley shares what led him to become a pastor. Griffin is active in his community and looks to use the opportunities in front of him to make a difference. But as he recently told <u>Rob Maaddi</u>, the motive behind these efforts is his faith.

"Yeah, I mean it's 100% fueled by the faith. My parents taught me when I was growing up, you never forget where you came from, so you always go back and you invest in that community that helped you. So for me, that's in Texas, that's in Washington DC."

Griffin reflected on the fact that growing up, he wanted to make sure that he didn't forget his community if he ever went pro.

"When I was a 7th grader and a guy by the name of Charles Tillman came back to Coppers Cove Texas and he played basketball with our 7th-grade basketball team. I remember that for the rest of my life because I'm sitting here in a military community. No one truly makes it out to go pro in some of these communities, but Tillman did. "And when he came back to do that, I told myself as a 7th grader, when I make it, I'm going to make sure I come back and I show those kids that they're not forgotten."

Griffin believes that type of give-back mentality should be the case for all of us.

And I think if everybody can take that mindset to go back into their own communities and let these kids that are underprivileged or underserved know that they're not forgotten, it's going to go a long way because some of those kids could be the ones that have the idea or this skill set that could change our world in the future." "They just need to know that they're cared about."

#### Josh McCown's Faith is the Anchor of His Soul AIRED: Oct 15 & 16, 2022

Josh McCown's faith is the anchor of his life, in all of life's uncertainties. Rob and Remy discuss being humble. Josh McCown has had multiple experiences in his tenured football career, but as he talked with Rob Maaddi this week, they not only talked about football but also the faith that sustains McCown during all types of uncertainties. "Yeah, I mean you said it, it (my faith) held me together and I think that's the biggest part for me. Everybody's different and everybody's gotta find their anchor in life and the thing that's going to center. them when you're changing teams or you're changing jobs or life gets crazy.

For some people their life anchor are things other than the Lord – but for McCown his anchor is his faith.

Andrew Whitworth Hopes People Knows He Cares. Andrew Whitworth, the NFL's 2021 Walter Payton Man of the Year, talks about how his faith influences his works and Rob and Remy discuss Thanksgiving. AIRED: Oct 22 & 23, 2022

Rob Maaddi recently asked Whitworth about his faith, and how that has impacted how he processes life. "I think it's really about perspective. You think about life and what you're trying to get out of it. I know I've been blessed to be where I am and that I don't deserve, or have some particular reason that I'm important enough to have any of these things."

For Whitworth, he wants people to know that he cares about them, regardless of their walk in life.

"I wanted to make sure people know that they might know me as a football player. They might know me as a great one. They might be mad (for) being on the wrong team. Whatever it is that they know me by, that the most important thing they know is that I care about 'em and I love him 'em." Being able to see people for who they are and not stereotyping is what Whitworth is striving for.

#### Devin Hester Reflects on a Career of Returning. Devin Hester reflects on a career of returning, and the biggest return of his career. Rob and Remy discuss how the Bible is a playbook. AIRED: Oct 29 & 30, 2022

It was reported that Hester always brought a Bible with him to every game, a fact that Hester confirmed. "I was born and raised in the church and we kind of use the Bible as our sword. I mean, you never go anywhere without your sword. That was my mindset and I always opened up my favorite verse and put the Bible in my locker before the game and just had it opened up."

#### Marcus Smith II is Helping Athletes with Mental Health

Former NFL linebacker Marcus Smith II talks about how his faith has helped him deal with mental health issues and Rob and Remy discuss God's plans for those who love and submit to him. AIRED: Nov 5 & 6, 2022

Marcus Smith II played football at the highest levels. And yet, he was as human as the next person, having to fight against trials and struggles, including anxiety and depression. In this week's episode, he spoke to Rob Maaddi about some of these struggles. Smith believes that the Christian has to live an active faith, where you know what God savs. but then you have to live it out.

"Man, I would always say faith without works is dead and I know being a Christian and that's one of the things that I always tell myself. Because God, he always puts people in front of you to be able to give you the help that you need."

Like many of us, Marcus struggled with knowing who was there to understand what was going on inside him. But His Heavenly Father knew exactly what was happening.

"(There) was a lot of times where I thought someone wasn't there, but God was there the whole time. He placed the people in the right place so I wouldn't do what I wanted to do as far as killing myself and not being here on this earth."

"So being a Christian and having my faith now I know what my purpose is and how I can continue to move this forward because I know that athletes are gonna need me."

Smith is taking it one step further in providing help to athletes in need. He's getting professionally trained. "I'm gonna actually go back to school and get my therapist license to be able to combat somebody's mental health issues to be able to help the athletes when they're going through some of the things that they're going through."

#### Danny Wuerffel Credits a Strong Family Upbringing to His Faith 1996 Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel talks about his faith influencing every area of his life and Rob and Remy discuss adapting to change. AIRED: Nov 12 & 13, 2022

Danny's dad was an air force chaplain, and as a family that moved quite a bit, that presented some challenges.

"Growing up and moved all around, you know, I think my dad in general is a unique amazing man in that he's done so much for so many people. He's a chaplain in the Air Force, and he's maybe one of the most fiercely competitive people you'd ever meet."

Danny's dad was competitive but also shepherded his kids towards another important virtue: humility.

"He also valued a strong sense of humility. So I've got all these memories of wanting to win. But then you know if I was caught bragging that was not something that was part of the Wuerffel culture. So there was this competitive part. There was this part where we moved every couple of years, which really was challenging in a lot of ways. I think it really helped me recognize that there are lots of different ways people do things."

The frequent moving helped the Wuerffel's see life from a different perspective.

"A lot of times when you see people doing things differently, you may think it's wrong, but sometimes things are just different. I got a really neat experience of that. The sports really helped me. Each place we went, make new friends and so that really validated how important sports was.

"And through all this, just kind of the undergirding of our faith. That sort of was the nucleus of our family, was always a part of it. Kind of directing how we thought about things like competition and how we thought about what we did with our money and helping people."

#### Adoree Jackson Talks About Faith and True Heroism New York Giants cornerback Adoree Jackson talks about his faith helping him deal with his mother's battle with cancer and IJM's Caleb Carroll discusses the team's work in the Philippines. AIRED: Nov 19 & 20, 2022

<u>Adoree Jackson</u> plays for the New York Giants and is using what God has given him on and off the field to make a difference in people's lives. This month the NFL is focusing on cancer awareness, an issue that has touched almost every person's life in some way.

<u>Rob Maaddi's</u> parents both have had cancer impact them personally, but he was able to discuss the challenges and heroes of cancer with Adoree. He believes the real heroes in life exhibit an important characteristic.

"People that are always selfless, to me, that's the true definition of a hero. They put others before themselves. If your mom (Rob's) is anything like mine, just knowing that she'll do her own for everybody else and then just worry about herself on the back end. So yeah, those are really the true heroes." Adoree's faith in God has been the game-changer of his life. In all the twists and turns of his life, his faith in God has stayed intact.

"I just feel like, man, just the things that he's put me through and brought me through, never letting my faith waver, never letting me stray away. It's just that saying in the Bible you know, as my parents did, raise a child up as he should, and as he gets older he'll never stray away."

With a rigorous NFL schedule a reality in his life, Adoree does not have the opportunities to be church during the season. But he remembers the foundation of faith that was laid by his parents and others.

"Obviously, you know, we play on Sundays. You don't get to go to as much church as back in the day when you were kids, but to understand the teachings that they told me that the Bible taught me, or school has taught me or church."

#### **Drew Brees Focuses His Retirement on Family**

13-time Pro Bowl quarterback Drew Brees talks about the way his faith influenced his philanthropy and Rob chats with author Krystal Parker about Kingdom-minded leadership. AIRED: Nov 26 & 27, 2022

Drew Brees played in the National Football League for 20 seasons. A member of the New Orleans Saints for most of his career, Brees is second in NFL career passing yards, career touchdown passes, career pass attempts, career pass completions, and career passing completion percentage. He also holds the record of consecutive games with a

touchdown pass, breaking the feat held by Johnny Unitas for 52 years.

But now in a different stage of life, Drew is focusing his retirement on his family. Drew was able to do some broadcasting work as he transitioned from on the field to off, which was a completely different experience for Drew. "I think, you know, from my perspective, being a quarterback who played 20 years in the NFL, I just watch a

game totally different than probably most people. It's hard to just sit back and watch it as a fan, you're so analytical with everything you put yourself in the moment at all times. I look forward to finding ways that that can be communicated in a much more in-depth way that's kind of outside the norm or what is like the typical formula for broadcasting a game, but like really going in-depth for the fans that you know want to know exactly what happened."

Tom Brady retired, but then unretired 40 days later. <u>Rob Maaddi</u> asked Drew if that was something he had considered.

"Look, I I think when you when you make that commitment, I mean obviously it's not, it's not one of those things that you just wake up one day and say, you know, I'm done. You know, that's a process. And I would say the last four years of my career, even going back to 2017, I was truly taking it one year at a time." "So that's when I made that decision and I felt like that 20-year Mark was a great one to end on."

#### Aaron Donald Believes that God is Great Los Angeles Rams star defensive tackle Aaron Donald chats about recognizing the Lord in the middle of victory, and Rob and Remy discuss serving the community in the midst of a hurricane. AIRED: Dec 3 & 4, 2022

<u>Aaron Donald</u> is a defensive tackle for the Los Angeles Rams. Regarded as one of the greatest defensive players of all time, he has received a record three Defensive Player of the Year Awards, Pro Bowl selections in all eight of his seasons, and seven first-team All-Pro honors. Donald was also a member of the team that won Super Bowl LVI. But Aaron is also a man of faith, a topic he was able to discuss recently with our own <u>Rob Maaddi</u>. Donald has played a lot of football but has to keep the right perspective weekly to perform on the field.

"I'm just trying to relive all that over again, trying to accomplish the being a world champion all over again and you know that that's the biggest motivation. I was motivated to get there, but once you accomplish that and you get to see what that feel like it's like, it makes you want it that much more."

After securing a Superbowl win, Donald said it was the best feeling in the world, but also said "God is great." "Obviously you put a lot of work in, but God put us in certain positions that you know to be able to live out what you want to live out and do what you need to do. I accomplished something like that. And we know so much emotions come at once and would come from the heart. And I would be wrong not to give thanks to God for putting me in the positions I'm in today, so you know, I just wanted to give thanks to him."

"I always say it's a blessing to be playing this game and you know, being a position I'm in today, so, you know, obviously put a lot of work in, but, you know, God got his hands and everything."

#### Tim Tebow Believes We Should Make a Difference Tim Tebow believes we should make a difference. Rob chats about fitting in with Jesus instead of the world. AIRED: Dec 10 & 11, 2022

When you have a chance to make a difference in someone else's life, do you? Our guest this week certainly has made it his life mission to help people who are in distress. <u>Tim Tebow</u> is a two-time National Champion and a 2007 Heisman Trophy winner. He spoke to our own <u>Rob Maaddi</u> about faith and football, but also about the importance of taking a step to help someone in need. Sometimes we don't know where to start, and so we choose to do nothing. Tebow believes it starts with just simple steps.

"I would say it's OK to start small. Find something that you care about. Find a nonprofit you care about. Find a cause that you care about and just plug in and do something small, right? As you go about your day today, when you see a way that you can make a difference, someone that needs a word of encouragement, a place you can volunteer, just start small and see what that does In your own heart. And then continue to grow from that."

Tebow continued to give reasons why many don't step forward and volunteer their time for important causes. "Sometimes I feel like one of the reasons it's easy for us to not get involved is we always feel like, 'Oh my gosh, if I Do get involved, I have to start my own nonprofit or I have to do something massive. Sometimes what's important is that for you, just do the little thing and let it grow and let it grow and let it grow. Those little things can one day be massive. But it can also start to Infect your heart.

"How awesome it Is to be able to give back and make a difference and see the lives changed a. Let that seed take root in your own heart."

#### Ryan Succop's Hope is in Christ, Not Kicking

Tampa Bay Buccaneers kicker Ryan Succop talks about how the way God worked in his life was even more cool than winning a Super Bowl, and Rob discusses the cost of pursuing worldly treasure. AIRED: Dec 17 & 18, 2022

Ryan Succop is a member of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as a placekicker and a member of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Superbowl winning team. He took a few minutes to sit down with our own <u>Rob Maaddi</u> to discuss this season. Ryan, as a believer in Christ who is also a professional athlete, he feels the tug of personal success but also of living for Jesus. This was no more apparent than after his Superbowl victory.

"I think when I look back on that, I think there are a lot of really cool things that happened along the way. Obviously, to play the game, we play a game at a really high level and it's incredibly difficult to win the Super Bowl. So it is very rewarding being able to do that and be a part of that at the same time.

For me, I think when I look back on that, like cooler than the ring, cooler than actually like holding up the Lombardi Trophy, Cooler than doing all those things, Was just like Seeing the way that God was working through all of that in my life and a lot of our teammate's lives, just kind of seeing, seeing that just come to life the way that it did. And there's just so many things that happened along the way where you look back and you go, man, this is just really powerful, seeing the way that the Lord works. And that's what I remember the most about that."

Ryan plays a position in football that can be a week-to-week evaluation on whether he plays, depending on how well he kicked. That could seem fairly tumultuous. But for Ryan, he finds his stability in life in other things. The most important thing in his life is his relationship with God.

"Probably the biggest (priority) honestly is, is my faith. I think early on in my career, even now, it's a battle. I would be lying if I said we don't still struggle with this, but I think it's so easy to get consumed with our performance, especially when we do something that has so many eyeballs on it as the NFL. It's very easy to be consumed by that, and when that's good, we're good.

But then the problem is when that's not good are we going to be on that rollercoaster, because I don't think that's a good way to go. And I think for me, I've been really fortunate to kind of get to the point where I love to play the game, I love football, I love working at it, but it's not the most important thing in my life. My relationship with the Lord is the most important. My family comes next and then on down the line it's football, and I can truly say that. And so in a way, it takes the pressure off because it allows me to go out there and be free where it's like, 'Lord, I know you, you've got me here, I'm going to go out, I'm going to give it my best, I'm going to trust you.' And it frees you up and it allows you to go play with a sense of peace that I don't think I would have if I if I didn't have that faith."

#### Adrian Peterson Believes in Simple, Mustard Seed Faith NFL star Adrian Peterson chats about the parable of the faith of mustard seed, and Rob discusses America's motto: "In God We Trust." AIRED: Dec 24 & 25, 2022

As Peterson evaluated his career, he said being an influence and inspiring others is one of the things that made him proud.

"Just changed the game, inspiring. Just not only players, but just people in general with things that I was over able to overcome, whether it was just personal things or injuries, that's the impact. That right there is what I love the most. God blessed me to have the platform to change, to literally change people's lives and their minds, that now they think about different things whether, like I said, it's injuries or overcoming life obstacles." Peterson believes that faith is important, and to have simple faith, like a tiny mustard seed.

"I feel like people really bow, and it's easy for people to bow, but if you just have faith in the mustard seed and just that little faith, you can accomplish so much and people take that for granted. But through my life experiences, I know, just having that faith, and you hold on to that faith, brother. No one else will believe in you, you've got a higher power that has shown you and then he shows you every day."

"You know a lot of people blind to it, but if you just believe in him and understand that he has to say so you know he if he has opened doors that man can't open. if you believe and you put the work in, then he can accomplish anything."

#### Tim Tebow Knows the Ultimate Goal is God's Glory Tim Tebow talks about praying on the football field and praising God in good times and bad, and Rob and Remy discuss shifting the focus off us and onto the Lord. AIRED: Dec 31, 2022

<u>Rob Maaddi</u> recently spoke with Tim about professional athletes and those who give glory to God during the home runs, but maybe not during the strikeouts. Tim said it can be hard for professional athletes to find that balance, but ultimately the goal is to give God glory always.

"Well, I think it's about, most importantly, making him known and in those moments when everybody is watching you that you point to him where that people know where your blessings come from and people know where the focus is and that it's not on us, it's on him. And ultimately that's the goal."

Tim became well known for taking a knee on the field after a touchdown and giving glory to God. That wasn't showmanship for Tim - it was his life philosophy.

"One reason for me that I would try to find a quiet place to get on my knees before and after games, try to be, regardless of winning or losing, or good or bad that it would be to honor him, that He would get the glory and that it's about him, not about me."

It's not always easy to know what a professional athlete is thinking when things are going well or not going well, but that can be a hard balance for that athlete.

"It's hard to necessarily know what a baseball player is doing, the exact goal or what he was doing with one home run or one strikeout that's hard to comment on. But I think so many people have the goal of is in those moments of praise when people make it about them that they turn it around and make it about him."

"I think that none of us do it perfectly, and it's been way too many times that I've failed so many times at that. So super grateful for the grace in those moments as well."