



## Monday Matters

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### **Living in Vision, Not in Circumstance**

Have you ever heard of Chuck Pagano? He is the first year coach for the Indianapolis Colts in the NFL. The Colts were the worst team last year. Their quarterback was out due to injury. The team had fallen apart. They bring in Chuck to turn the team around, they release Payton Manning and they now have a rookie quarterback. Before the new season ever started the coach is diagnosed with Leukemia and must undergo full-time treatment. He was not allowed to coach and he needed to focus solely on his health. His assistant coaches took over the team. Despite all those circumstances, the team was inspired by their coach and his fight to beat this disease. The experts in the football world knew this team was going to struggle with or without Pagano. The coach's health issues virtually guaranteed it. But the team didn't accept other people's verdict. Before this weekend they were 5 and 3 with aspirations of going to the playoffs.

Last week was the first time Pagano was able to see his team play live. He sat in the owner's box. He had met with the team briefly before the game. The team



**The Vision Song  
Give me Your Cup**

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### Quote of the Week

"Keep your dreams alive. Understand to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember, all things are possible for those who believe."

~ Gail Devers ~

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played inspired football and won. After the game he spoke to the team and brought this inspiring message: *"I mentioned before the game that you guys were living a vision and you weren't living in circumstances. Because you know where they had us in the beginning. Every last one of them. But you refused to live in circumstances and you decided consciously, as a team, and as a family, to live in a vision. And that's why you bring things home like you brought home today. That's why you're already champions, and well on your way. I got circumstances. You guys understand it. It's already beat. It's already beat. My vision that I'm living, see two more daughters getting married, dancing at their weddings, and then hoisting that Lombardi several times and watch that confetti fall on this group right here. Several times, we're going to hoist that baby. I'm dancing at two weddings. And we're hoisting that trophy together man. Congratulations."*

Pagano's message? **"Live in a vision ... refuse to live in circumstances."**

Are you living in your circumstances? Or are you living in your vision? Maybe the job isn't what you expected it to be. Maybe people are beating you down. Maybe the church isn't growing the way it should. Maybe you are just accepting these circumstances even though you had a vision. Are you going to live in those circumstances? Or do you want to live in the vision, the vision that God placed in your heart?

Each one of us can spend our day complaining about our circumstances. Complaining isn't going to get us out of those circumstances. Realizing that we have a vision, that we have a goal, that there is something better out there for us, should inspire us to live in the vision. It should inspire us to find a better way to accomplish that vision. It is with this vision, the ability that God has put in each of us, to look to the future, to look down different paths, and see what would happen.

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### The Mamas & The Papas Monday Monday



### Anthony and Kristin Nelson Missionaries to Alaska

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11