Bullying

Join Dr. Carrie Hastings as she discusses one of today's most important topics for coaches of youth and high school sports. While all coaches might know that bullying is wrong, we can all improve our understanding of the topic, the many forms bullying can take, and how to be more aware while preventing this on our teams.

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The Quotable Catholic Coach

Consider Lombardi's quote: "Winning isn't
Lombardi didn't mean to create what is now an unfortunate model for too many coaches. He later clarified saying, "I wished I'd never said the thing...I meant the effort. I meant having a goal. I sure didn't mean for people to crush human values and morality."

Lombardi does have plenty to say about the path to winning. He took on the idea of winning as an attitude when he said, "Winning is not a sometime thing; it's an all the time thing. You don't win once in a while; you don't do things right once in a while; you do them right all of the time. Winning is a habit."

Many don't realize that Lombardi was raised Catholic. He both attended and later coached at Catholic schools. He maintained that faith through attendance at daily and Sunday Mass, reportedly even inviting the team to attend before Sunday home games.

Need a book recommendation while waiting for winter to thaw? *When Pride Still Mattered* by David Maraniss is a tremendous portrait of the Hall of Fame coach, including how his Catholic upbringing influenced his coaching. Maraniss expertly describes a complicated figure and a brilliant coach, a man who was far from perfect while striving for excellence on the field and seeking truth off it.