

49ers Quarterback: 'My Identity is in Jesus'

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NFL quarterback Brock Purdy is crediting his Christian faith for giving him confidence and a heart of gratitude after leading the San Francisco 49ers to the NFC Championship.

Purdy arose to starter in early December, after a series of injuries bumped him up from his initial position as third-string quarterback. On Sunday, he led San Francisco to a 19-12 victory against the Dallas Cowboys and then into a championship game against the Philadelphia Eagles.

The winner of that game will go to the Super Bowl.

In Aug. 2021, Purdy—who is being touted as a candidate for the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year Award—told Sports Spectrum his “identity is in Jesus.” The conversation is spreading once again on social media in the wake of the athlete’s spate of victories.

Purdy, 23, shared the faithful revelation after admitting he once elevated football above his relationship with the Lord—a sin for which he sought God’s forgiveness.

“It was just a great reminder of where my identity is, where it lies,” he told Sports Spectrum. “And it’s in Jesus. And I continue to lean on Him. Again, the next day I didn’t go out and throw for 500 yards and was this awesome quarterback, but it was just this peace that I had with Him knowing that, ‘Hey, no matter what, I’m going to face moving forward during college football, God and Jesus are going to be my identity. And whatever I face, I won’t be shaken from it.’ I’ve got a great foundation in Him.”

 In his Instagram bio, Purdy describes himself as a “believer in Jesus.”

“The Lord is my rock and I will not be shaken,” he wrote in one Instagram post alongside a picture of himself pointing upward, revealing a white wristband with a black cross on it. “I love you boys and will go to war with y’all time and time again.”

Franklin Graham wrote this Facebook post about Purdy this week:

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Brock Purdy has been amazing in leading the 49ers into the NFL playoffs. The former Iowa State Football QB was the very last player chosen in the draft last year, a spot known as “Mr. Irrelevant.” Well, he’s now definitely Mr. Relevant since stepping in after an injury to the starting 49ers QB and leading them to seven straight wins. He gives all the credit to the Lord Jesus Christ. “Every time I play—no matter what happens—I want others to see God through my actions. Every time I step on the field I want to bring Him glory. Even when we lose, I point to God and thank Him for the opportunity. Everything happens for a reason; it’s all a lesson from the Lord. It’s a game, it’s not my life.”

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