



Choosing a Winning Team



God versus the Devil

The Devil's plan “*is to steal and kill and destroy.*”

(John 10:10a-NLT)

God's plan “*is to give them a rich and satisfying life.*”

(John 10:10b-NLT)



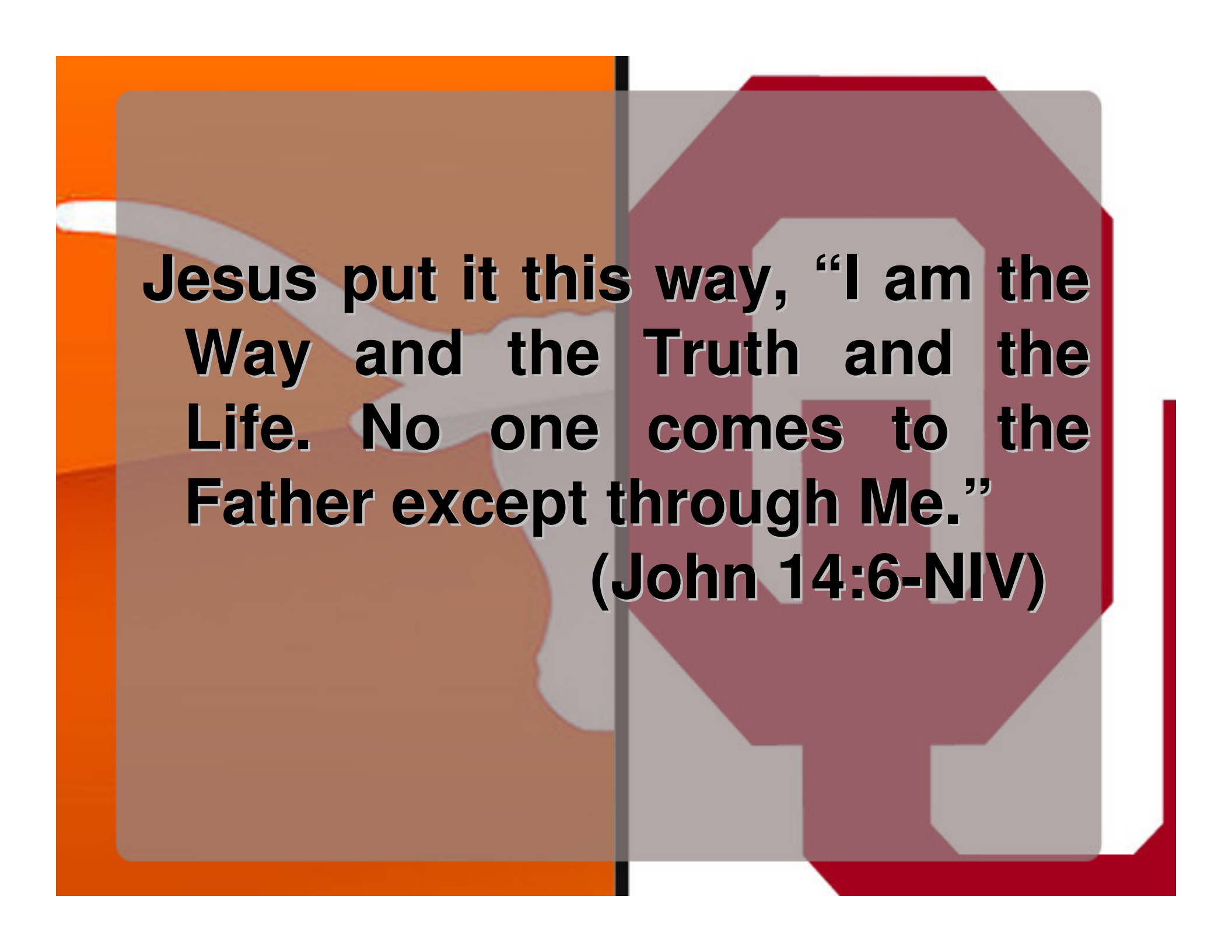
**What is the goal
of every rivalry?**

To Win!

JOSHUA SAYS, “Now fear the Lord and serve Him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:14-15-NIV)

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**Jesus put it this way, “I am the
Way and the Truth and the
Life. No one comes to the
Father except through Me.”**

(John 14:6-NIV)

Babe Ruth argued; *“There are 40,000 people here who know that last one was a ball, tomato head.”*


The umpire said; *“Maybe so, but mine is the only opinion that counts.”*



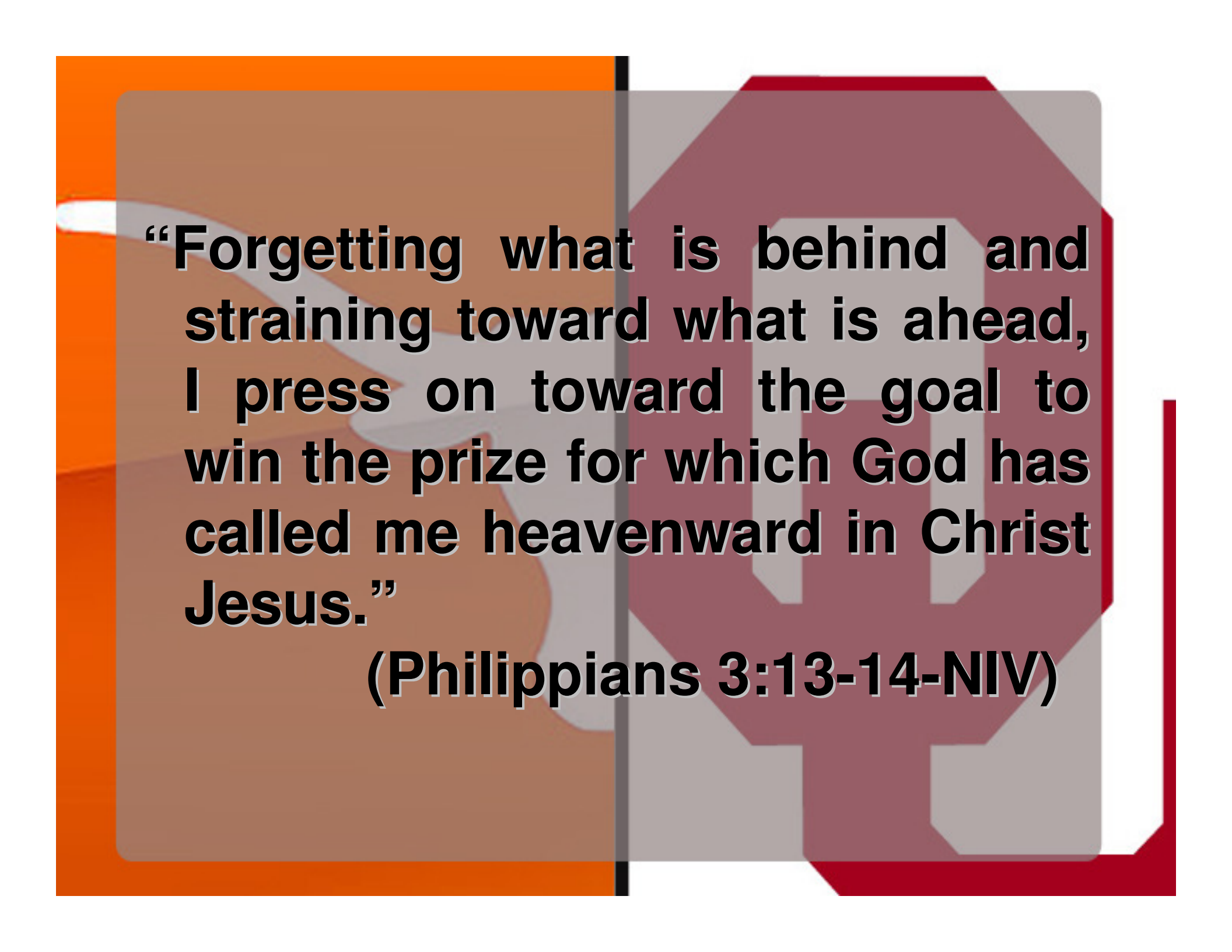
HOW DO I CHOOSE
GOD'S WINNING TEAM?








“Coach,” he said, “Coach, I can't do it. I've ruined you, I've ruined myself, I've ruined the University of California. I couldn't face that crowd to save my life.”

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“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

(Philippians 3:13-14-NIV)

“If others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more! I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.



**I once thought these things
were valuable, but now I
consider them worthless
because of what Christ has
done.”**

(Philippians 3:4-7-NLT)

“God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done...”

(Ephesians 2:8-9-NLT)

Most Wins for a College Team

Wins – Loses – Ties

10. USC:	765	-	303	-	54
9. Tennessee:	776	-	327	-	55
8. Oklahoma:	788	-	300	-	53
7. Alabama:	799	-	316	-	43
6. Penn State:	801	-	349	-	43

Most Wins for a College Team

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5. Ohio State:	808	-	306	-	53
4. Nebraska:	827	-	337	-	41
3. Notre Dame:	831	-	285	-	42
2. Texas:	832	-	320	-	34
1. Michigan:	872	-	297	-	38

A person that goes to Heaven

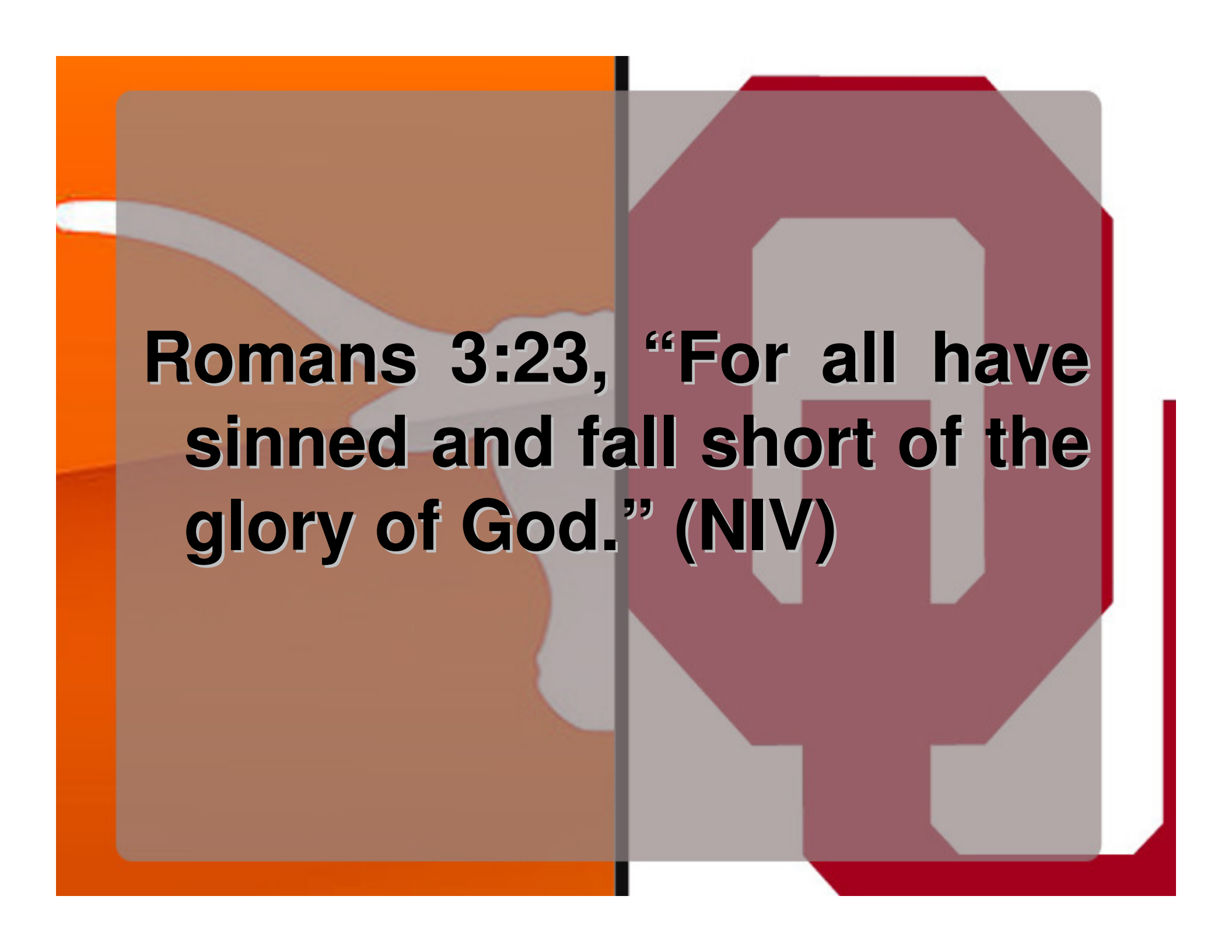
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The Lord Jesus Christ

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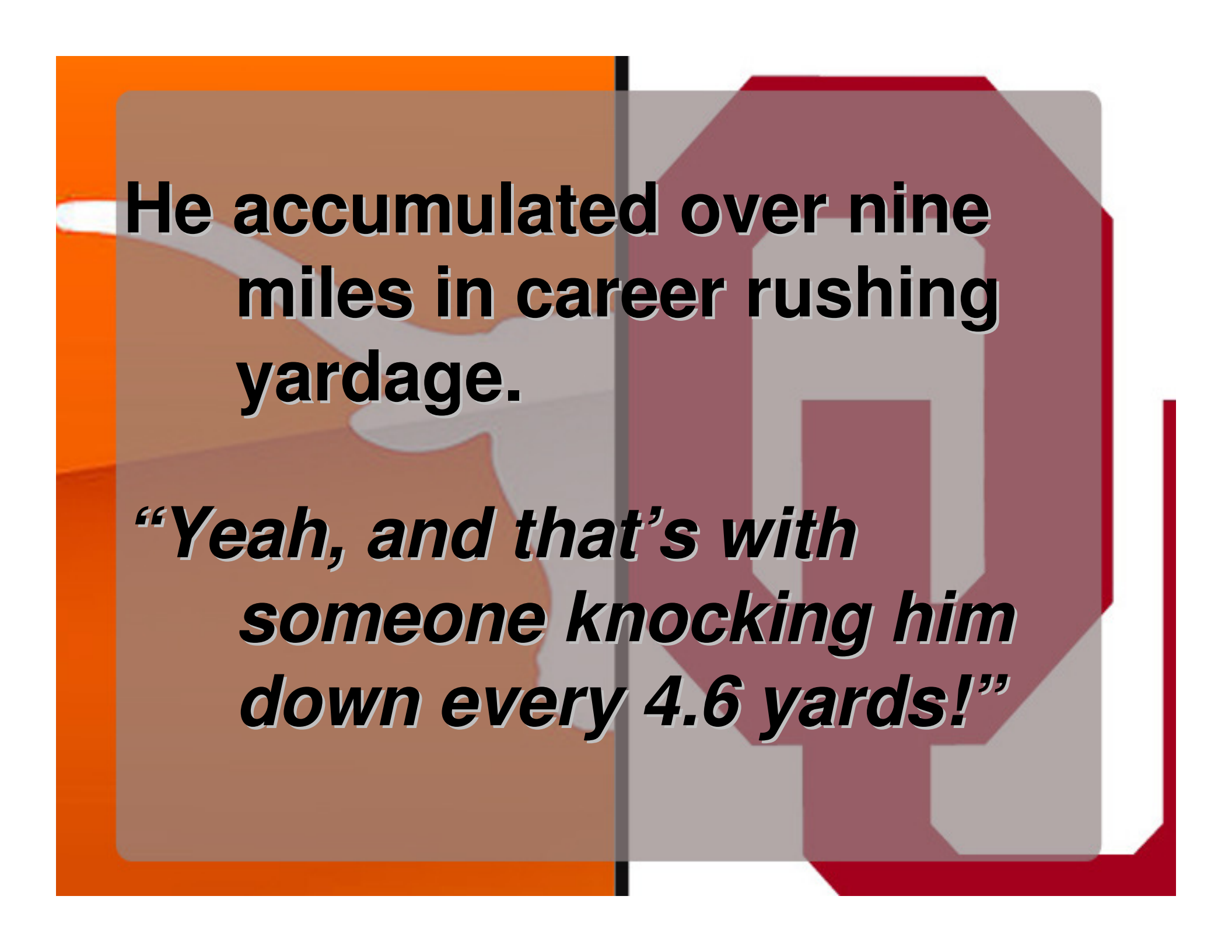
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Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (NIV)





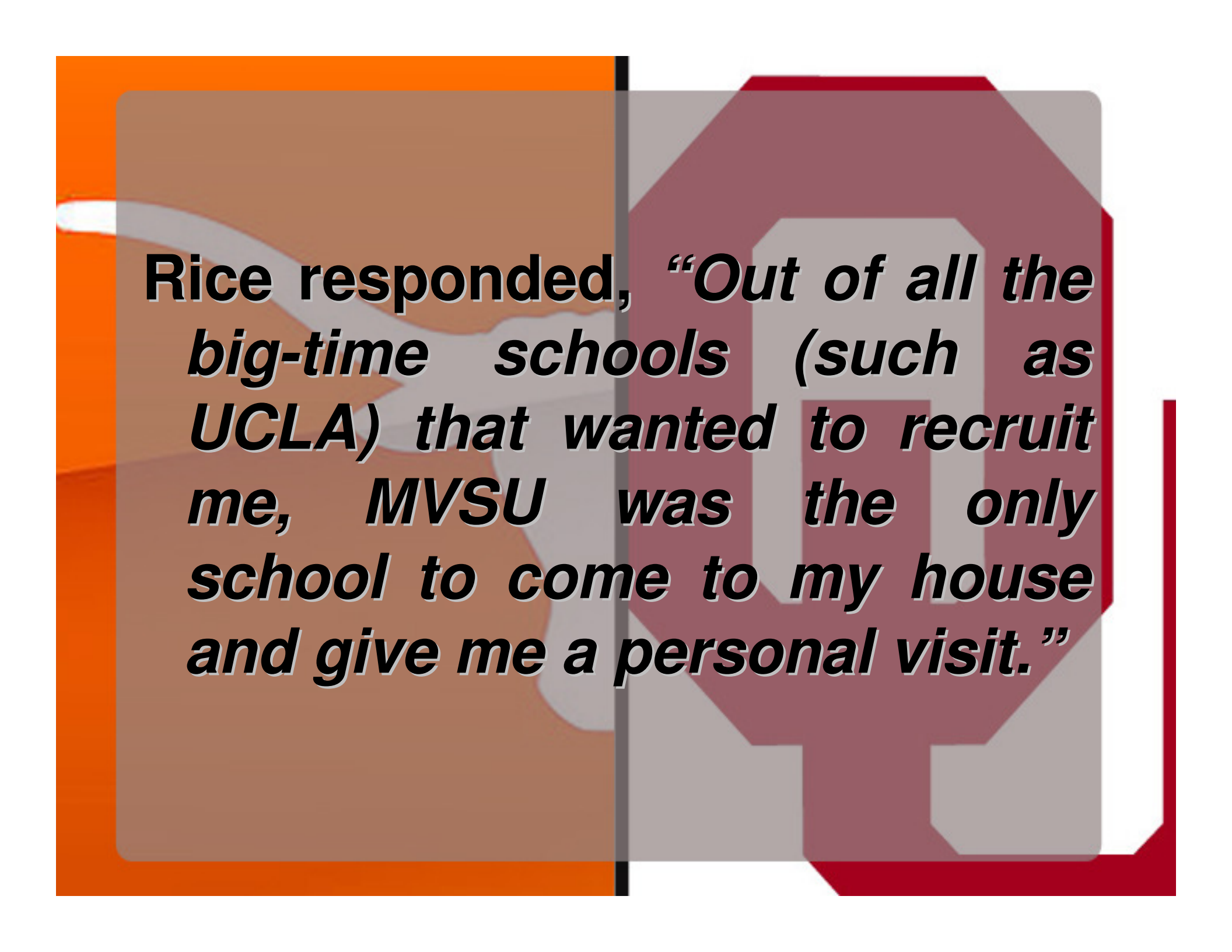
He accumulated over nine miles in career rushing yardage.

“Yeah, and that’s with someone knocking him down every 4.6 yards!”

Jesus said, “I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

(John 16:33-NIV)





Rice responded, *“Out of all the big-time schools (such as UCLA) that wanted to recruit me, MVSU was the only school to come to my house and give me a personal visit.”*



1 Corinthians 6:19-20, “Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.” (NLT)