



One would never guess by his charming, easygoing nature that Jay was a quarterback in the National Football League for eleven years and retired in 1994. Eleven incredible years since he started only one college game at UCLA in 1980 before he was chosen in the 3rd round of the NFL draft in 1984 by the Washington Redskins (now Washington Football Team). Jay's first NFL game experience came in 1985 when starting quarterback Joe Theisman's leg was brutally broken during a game against the New York Giants. Jay finished the year as the starter and the next year Jay passed for over 4,000 yards enroute to the Pro Bowl. Jay started 10 league games for the 1987 Super Bowl Championship team.

In 1988 he was traded to the Los Angeles Raiders with whom he played for 5 years. During those years he had many exciting games including a dramatic overtime win in Denver after trailing 24-0 at halftime, and a career-high four touchdowns against the Minnesota Vikings. In 1993 Jay played for the Cincinnati Bengals and then the Arizona Cardinals in 1994. Jay finished his career with over 20,000 yards passing, over 100 touchdown passes, and a .648 winning percentage.

Jay enjoyed much success during his career in the NFL but he also faced many obstacles. One of Jay's greatest testimonies is that in both accolades and adversity he has always looked to the Lord for stability, and has kept his perspective. In addition to his challenges on the field, Jay was challenged off the field by an unexpected discovery of a brain tumor in his then 6 year old son C.J. Thankfully C.J. experienced a miraculous healing by the grace of God which provides for a wonderful story on family values, priorities, and the power of prayer.

#### BACKGROUND

Jay was drafted into professional baseball...

### Jay Schroeder

### Speech Topics

- ☐ Youth
- ☐ Sports
- ☐ Religion / Faith
- ☐ Overcoming Adversity
- ☐ Motivation
- ☐ Inspiration

