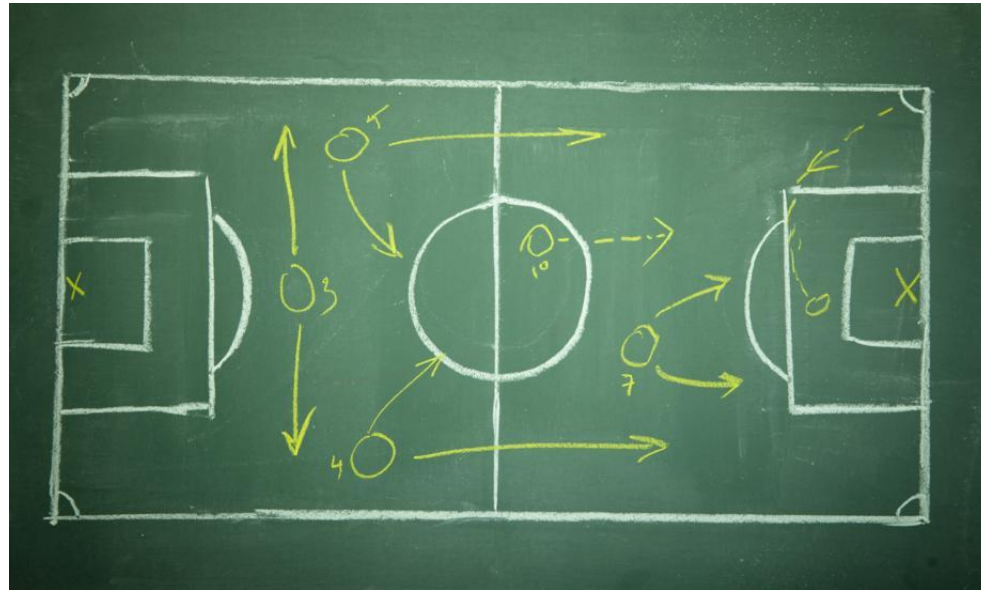




# FIFA WORLD CUP Brasil

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# Football – Game – Stoppage Time – Life – Death





# 20<sup>th</sup> World Cup



- 12<sup>th</sup> June 13<sup>th</sup> July,  
Biggest Sporting Event
- Entire World Stops,  
Problems Fade Away
- Root Underdog, Glory Seekers
- Stadiums, Prizes, Money,  
1 Billion Viewers
- Cheering, Shouting, Heart Pounding
- Adrenaline, Excitement, 90 Minutes





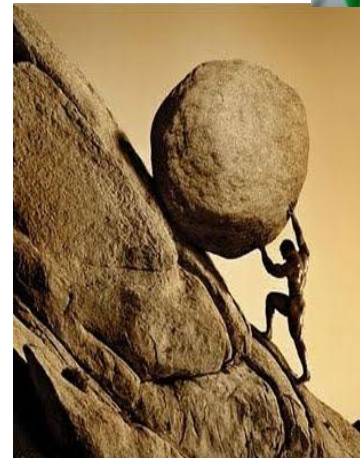
# 90 Minutes + Stoppage Time

- Stoppage Time, Running Clock
- Limited Time  
Every Second Counts
- Drive, Push, Extreme  
Best Football
- Heart-breaking Goals/Fouls
- Edge Seats, Final Push,  
Beyond Thirst, Lactic Acid  
Pain, Injury, Exhaustion
- Final Whistle,  
Triumph-Loss
- Collapse Field
- Game is Over



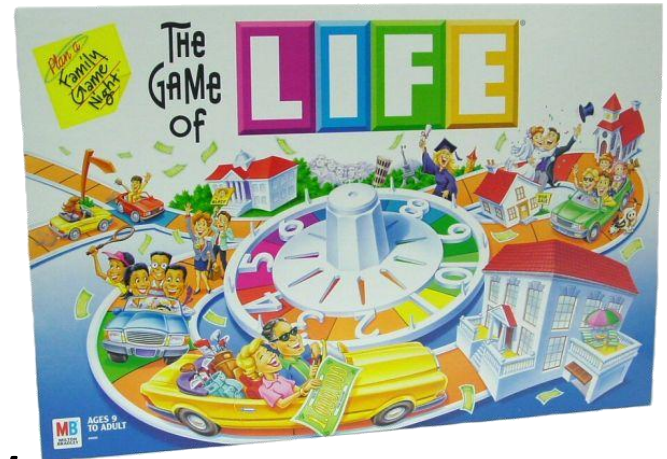
# Football & The Game of Life

- *We're Living In Stoppage Time*
- A few precious moments to give it all we can
- Our time is short
- At any moment, our time will be up and our whistle will be blown
- If we're tired, then we go on without rest



# The Game of Life

- It's not a time for rest, but a time to give it everything we have no matter how exhausted we are.
- Anything we do, no matter how big or small could be our final play, our final moment.
- We give it our all because in this short time we have to prove ourselves so that, by the grace of Allah, we can live forever as champions.





# Reality Check

- Although we don't like to think of it too much, no one has ever escaped death.

وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا لَعِبٌ وَلَهْوٌ وَلَلْآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ لِّلَّذِينَ  
يَتَّقُونَ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ

“And the worldly life is not but a game, amusement and diversion; but the home of the Hereafter is best for those who fear Allah, so will you not reason” (6:32)

- “Every soul will taste death...” (21:35)
- “Until when the angel of death comes to one of them, he says, until, when death comes to one of them, he says, 'My Lord, send me back That I might do righteousness in that which I left behind'... ” (23:99-100)



# Play Hard – Work Harder

- So while you're enjoying the World Cup games this year, make sure you take a moment to reflect.
- Enjoy the games, but don't get too caught up – there is a reason why it's called a game.
- We have time to appreciate the fun and permissible things in life, such as sports.
- But don't lose yourself; don't forget your team players, the referee and the ultimate goal of this match.





**Muslim Teams: Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Sudan,  
Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Burma**

**Played Their Game**

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

إِنَّ الْعَيْنَ تَدْمَعُ وَالْقَلْبَ يَحْزَنُ وَلَا نَقُولُ إِلَّا شَاءَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا خَيْرًا. وَإِنَّا  
عَلَيْكَ يَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ لَمَحْزُونُونَ!

The Prophet ﷺ:

“The eyes surely tear, and the heart is surely in pain,  
but we will only say that which is pleasing to Allah, and  
we are indeed sad at being separated from you, O  
Ibrahim.”

(Tabaqt al-Kubra – Ibn Sa’d)