Today gentleman, I am honored to coach you, and I am more honored to take you onto the field of battle.  There is another honor to be bestowed upon you.  That is the answer that comes with that question.  Who Am I?

**Answer:** [**I am a champion!**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Notre_Dame_Fighting_Irish_football#Traditions)

That’s right and I need you to remember that all throughout this game.

I will conquer what has never been conquered. Defeat will not be in my creed. I will believe where all those before me have doubted. I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor and respect of my team. I have trained my mind and now my body will follow!

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Energetically will I meet my enemies, no one will challenge me, none will stop me from my goal. I shall defeat them on the field of battle for I am better trained and will fight with all my might. Surrender is not a Champion’s word. I will never leave a fallen comrade to fall at the hands of my enemy and under no circumstances will I ever surrender.

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Readily will I display the discipline and strength required to fight on to my objective and I will complete my mission. I will rise when I fallen. I will rip the heart from my enemy and leave it beating on the ground. My enemy need not fear me but he will respect me and if he does not. I will make him respect me with all that I have to give.

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History will remember my name and he will not have to be kind. For I will have denied his criticisms and put in my own praise, No one will define me, no one will tell me what I can achieve, none will say I have not given all I have to give and none will take my glory.

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**I am a champion!**

***Alternate Version:  Historic*** [***Coach Flowers***](http://www.almadentimes.com/090408/sports.htm) ***pre-game speech for leland high school before the championship jv game.***

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