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BASEBALL

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Anointed

“He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.” (2 Corinthians 2:21-22)

Life is a privilege and gift from God. It is not meant to be lived as a competition, but instead cherished as an opportunity. An opportunity to be faithful and honor him.

God has and will continue to give you gifts and abilities to use throughout your life to meet these opportunities. He has trusted you with these abilities and wants you to use them for His glory. In 2 Corinthians 2:21:23, Paul assures us that God has both anointed us and set his seal upon us for this very purpose.

You have a choice to make: either use your abilities for the opportunities presented or lose them. And know that without a doubt God is faithful and expects you to be faithful to him.

Like playing in a game, you're coach and teammates count on you to use your baseball talent. You would not play in a game with the intent of purposefully trying to lose. No, instead because you are an athlete and born with a competitors heart, you would strive to give your all or as it states in the FCA Competitors Creed;

*I give my all – all of the time.
I do not give up. I do not give in.
I do not give out. I am the Lord's warrior –
a competitor by conviction
and a disciple of determination.
I am confident beyond reason
because my confidence lies in Christ.
The results of my efforts
must result in His glory.*

You are called to do the best with what you have, not to be fearful of failure. Like the servants in Matthew 25:14-30, that received five and two talents and risked it all, you too are asked to step out in faith.

Are you living in fear and afraid of what might happen. Instead choose to live in freedom and allow God to meet your needs and reward you for your efforts.

Question: Are you being faithful to God with the opportunities and talents he has given you?

Challenge: Read Matthew 25:14-28, 2 Corinthians 2:21-23 and 1 John 2:20. Step out in faith and choose to honor God with what he has provided you. No excuses, no matter what! Remember He is faithful.

Prayer: Thank you God for the gift of life and the opportunity to use the abilities you have given me to be faithful and honor you. Give me the strength that comes from you to step out in faith and live in freedom – both on and off the field! Amen.

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