



Week 3: THE TEAM

Would you rather be on a WINNING team or a LOSING team?

Have you ever had to work really hard to make at team or get a part in a play or your school's music program?

There are many things you have already or may in the future have to work super hard to achieve and hard to develop the skills enough to be CHOSEN. not everyone can get the lead role, make the team, and be the class president...not everyone will have the skills to be "Chosen", but GOD has chosen you to fulfill His purpose. Saul is a great example in the Bible.....

In Acts we find out Saul was a religious leader convinced that followers of Jesus, Christians, should be imprisoned and even killed. Saul was in Damascus helping find Christians for this exact reason when God shown in a very bright light and said "SAUL SAUL, why are you persecuting Me?" Saul was actually blinded by the Lord in this moment so when he rose from the ground he could not see. For three days he was unable to see until a man named Ananias was sent by God to place his hands on Saul's eyes to heal him and allow him to see again. Of course, Ananias was a follower of Christ and he knew Saul had been persecuting Christians so he did not want to go do this for fear of Saul harming him as well. But God told Ananias "Go! (Saul) is my **chosen instrument** to proclaim my name...". Ananias did as he was told, and said "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. Saul, who we know also as PAUL (named such after his conversion) was then used to bring the Gospel to a whole different group of people, the Gentiles, and to reach many many for Christ!!

God decided to use someone none of us would ever expect to complete His purpose and added him to His winning team. **UNLIKE** athletic teams, you do *not* have to tryout, work super hard, have specific skills, or *earn* an invitation onto the team. **You are already Chosen. God wants you to accept the invitation onto His TEAM; he wants you to ask Jesus into your heart and forgive you of your sins. Have you done this? if not will you accept that invitation today and ask Jesus into your heart?**

***Salvation ABC's **A**ccept you are a sinner and sin need of a Savior, **B**elieve Christ died for your sins then rose again 3 days later, **C**onfess your sins and Ask Christ into your heart.*

*Simple Salvation prayer: Lord God I know that I am a sinner and cannot have unity with you because of this, but I know Jesus died to forgive me for those sins. I ask that you would forgive me and cleanse me from those sins. Please come into my heart; I give my life to you. Thank you Lord, AMEN.***