

## Let God Be Your Quarterback

It's 4<sup>th</sup> and goal. It all comes down to the final play, with the game on the line. The home team breaks the huddle and comes up to the line of scrimmage.

The quarterback moves under center, ready to receive the ball and start the winning play. He surveys the field and sees that His team is in the right formation. Nothing the opposing team can do will stop them. The quarterback knows exactly what the other team will try. Blitzes, stunts and nickel defenses are no match for what is to come. No matter what the opposition does, the quarterback is ready, and so is His entire team.



Every player on the team has bought into the system. With the anticipation of a great finish the broadcaster says in his most dramatic voice, "It all comes down to this. All the preparation and hard work has brought us to this point. This one play will mean victory or defeat."

So the ball is snapped and the game winning play begins. It is a game for the ages – the one people will all remember, forever.

Life is like that football game. Satan does his best to try and surprise us with blitzes, trick plays and stunts – all designed to trip us up when our defenses are down. Satan looks for a weakness and attacks there. Not everything in life goes as we expect it. Certainly, there are some short term setbacks. At times Satan may seem to be leading on the scoreboard, but it is not over. God has the final play.

As we know, God wins in the end. His loyal team huddles together with Him every Sunday. In those huddles we build unity among fellow believers, to encourage each other when someone is down, and to decide how we will play out the game. We huddle to study God's playbook – the Bible. It tells us all we need to know. When we break the huddle for the final play, we know with absolute 100% certainty that victory will be ours. God is our quarterback and Jesus is at center. The result of that final play is proof positive of God's victory for the ages – for all eternity.

So, as you play the game of life, listen carefully in the huddle – your place of worship. You'll hear God's instructions, direct from the playbook. You'll be in the midst of teammates, all contributing to a successful game plan. Each person has a different role to play, but all complement the game plan. Even more important - let God be the quarterback. And, let Jesus be the center of your life.

The game has four quarters. It can be a long game. Be patient during the trying times, when things aren't going as planned. Life is not easy, but if you stay focused on the goal, you'll reach the final play with certain victory in sight.

**Question:** When times are tough, when everything seems to be going against you, what can you do to trust that God will carry you through to victory?

**Scripture:** *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you (Psalm 32:8); Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God (John 1:12).*

**Prayer:** Dear Lord. We want to be on your team, with you as our guiding light, as we patiently seek the victory already won for us. Amen.