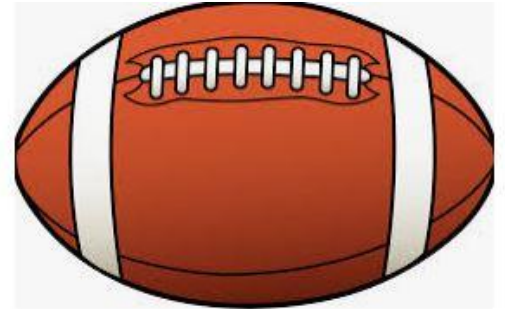


The Game Changer

I recently read a devotion by Max Lucado entitled “God is On Our Team.” The story recalled Lucado’s youthful years when he would play street football after school. The game would change dramatically when a dad of one of the neighborhood kids came home from work and joined the game. He would go on whichever team was losing at the time. The dad was a good player with an accurate arm for throwing the football. The fortunes of the game changed dramatically as soon as he stepped into the huddle. There was a new confidence in the attitude of the team he joined and groans from the other team, just because of his presence in the huddle. He would step into the huddle and say, “OK guys, here is what we are going to do.” The plays were the same and only the leader had changed. And that leader had a plan.



In Max Lucado’s analogy he wrote, “His appearance in the huddle changed the whole ball game... He brought new life to our team. God does precisely the same. We didn’t need a new play; we needed a new plan. We didn’t need to trade positions; we needed a new player. That player is Jesus Christ.”

When we play the game of life we do the “best we can.” The opposition is formidable. If we don’t have the right leader with a plan for our success we’ll end up on the losing team. There are too many temptations and pitfalls, with Satan directing us to them. But looking to God to be our leader with a plan is a game changer. When the dad joined the team that was losing the other side was groaning even before they broke the huddle to run the next play.



They knew it was a new game with different results. Satan groans when God enters our lives because he no longer will have his way with believers.

Is God the leader on your team? If so, trust that He has a plan for your life. When God joins us, in effect he says, “Here is what we are going to do.” It is a plan that leads to a bright future for believers. And, Jesus is your source of strength and courage to help you weather the storms along the way. Listen to Him – through His word. He will tell you what to do in the huddle. Letting Jesus be the quarterback of your life is a game changer.

The Bible says: *When I was helpless, he saved me (Psalm 116:6).*

Question: Is God the leader on your team?

Prayer: Dear Lord. The game of life has many challenges. Without you we are facing the issues of life with our own limitations. We wish to follow you and seek your plan for our lives. Amen.

The story paraphrased is from the devotional book, Grace for the Moment, Volume 1, written by Max Lucado.