

## **The Big Game**

### **Ready:**

*“For He has satisfied the thirsty and filled the hungry with good things.”* – Psalm 107:9

### **Set**

When I was young, I was given a ticket to the Big Game. I quietly stuck it in my pocket, keeping it close but never using it. Several years passed, and I was reminded of that ticket by a friend. We went to the game, but I became enamored with the tailgating. I spent much time with those outside the stadium where the roars of the crowd could be heard but not a play could be seen. Finally, I became restless and ventured inside the stadium. I took out my tattered ticket and handed it over.

Once I was inside, I saw distracted friends sitting in the upper deck, but my seat was down by the field. As I took my place, I noticed everyone looking at a book. I was told it was the “playbook” and that by reading it I could know all that was happening on the field. I purchased one for myself and studied it, taking copious notes and watching the game unfold.

Suddenly, a hand was extended to me from the field, and I was invited to be a participant in the Big Game rather than a spectator. I was told I had to trust the Coach, study the playbook and take my place on the team. I accepted the offer, joined my Coach and team on the field and knew my life would never be the same again.

### **Go**

- In the story, what Christian element does the ticket represent? What about the tailgate, field, playbook, Coach and Big Game?
- What does this story teach us about how God can satisfy our longing souls?
- What spiritual practices do you need to work on to move closer to becoming a player for God in the Big Game? Set goals for the next three months, and track your progress.

### **Workout**

Exodus 9:16

Isaiah 55:10-11

Philippians 2:13

### **Overtime**

“Father, satisfy my longing soul with *Your* good things. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.”

**Bible Reference:**

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