

## **Rhythm**

### **Ready:**

“When he wanted to cross over to Achaia, the brothers and sisters wrote to the disciples to welcome him. After he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed.”--  
Acts 18:27

### **Set**

Being a fan of the Oakland A's baseball team is no easy task. The team rhythm for years now has been twofold:

1. Build from within—draft smart, mentor the talent and then give the player an opportunity.
2. Build from without—find an underpaid talented castaway, play him, and hope he soars.

The problem with this rhythm is that they always end up trading the successful players away that bring great benefit! No wonder they never win!

In the book of Acts we read about a man who is a part of the Christian team named Apollos. The Bible tells us that this guy is a great talent. He is smart, eloquent, and brings energy to all who hear him. But he isn't quite fully developed so he willingly gets coached up under a couple of star mentors. After he works out with these mentors he arrives at a new place and proves to be a great benefit!

As an athlete you arrive with some talent. But you must be willing to get coached up. Likewise, as Christians we all begin with some talent too, but we need development. Take a lesson here and learn from Apollos. Seek out some stud mentors to learn from and then get ready...because you will prove to be a great benefit.

As a fan of the Oakland A's I often just shake my head at their ultimate rhythm. But as a Christian, if we live in this type of rhythm we will bring great benefit to the team! Thousands of years of history prove this out to be true!

### **Go**

1. As a Christian what are you talented at?
2. Are you developing this talent?
3. Think of a couple mentors and ask them to coach you up.

### **Workout**

Acts 18: 23-28

I Samuel 16:1-13

Luke 2:52

## **Overtime**

Father, I want to be a great benefit so I will embrace Apollos rhythm. Lead me on. In Jesus name I pray, amen.



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