

## **Number Called**

### **Ready:**

"...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

-Isaiah 40:31

### **Set**

Many players head off to college to play sports with dreams of making it to the big time. Jonathan was no different. Coming out of high school, he was a talented player with a promising future. But he arrived to school only to find disappointment and hard times. Like many new players in their first year, adjustments came hard for Jonathan. He didn't get in one single play last season. He was ready to give up and give in to his frustrations and disappointment, but did what every good young athlete should do in a case like that ... He talked to his mother. Her advice was to stick it out, stay in God's word and wait on the Lord. He did just that.

Every believer experiences hard times and disappointments in life. Not everything will go how we think it should. Every player who goes to the next level was a star in his or her previous program. But on a team of 100 stars, only 22 can play at a time, and waiting is a hard thing to do.

We read in Isaiah that those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength. They not only will become strong in spirit, but also will soar like eagles. They will not grow weary in Christ. The challenge is to be patient and wait until the time is right. We have to wait until our number is called. And when it is, we need to be ready to give our all for God's glory.

Jonathan did stick it out. He worked hard, had a good fall training camp and made the first unit as a receiver. His team's first game was in his home state of Texas, and he was ready to play. Even though his team lost, Jonathan had the game of his career. He had more than 200 yards receiving, three touchdowns and eight receptions. Not bad for not playing a single down the previous year. Jonathan takes no credit for this great game, though. He gives all the glory to God and thanks Him for being faithful during the wait.

Are you tired of waiting? Ready to give up? Waiting for your number to be called? If so, stay faithful, stay strong and stay true to the One who can give you ultimate success in and through Him. So when your number is called ... SOAR!

### **Go**

1. Are you in a waiting period?
2. Will you be ready when your number is called?
3. Today, what can you do to be ready when that time comes?

### **Workout**

Psalm 27:14

Psalm 40:1-2

Romans 8:18-24

**Bible Reference:**

Romans 8



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