

## **Usable**

### **Ready:**

All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like a flower of the grass. The grass withers, and the flower drops off, but the word of the Lord endures forever.—1 Peter 1:24

### **Set**

Our lives are so much bigger than what we can or cannot do on the playing field. Sometimes people think that the star athlete will be the best leader because of their athleticism. Or we think, Wow, if that person were a Christian they would have so much impact because they're so popular and athletic.

The man who wrote 1 Peter 1:24 had an eternal impact even though he was what some would call a "spiritual scrub" or a "spiritual walk-on." Peter was not the most popular, well- educated, or most athletic disciple. (Notice in the Book of John how he lost in a foot race with John to Jesus' tomb.)

He knew that his physical prowess or natural giftedness did not determine the impact he could have for God's kingdom. He knew that the outward appearances of a person would die away and only the eternal things would stick around.

Whether we are a scrub on our team or the best athlete, God wants to use us! Whether we are a new Christian or have grown up in church, God wants to use us! It is God's power through His eternal Spirit and Word that enables us to live the powerful lives He desires.

### **Go**

1. How has God used your abilities to further His kingdom?
2. Do you value those who are scrubs as much as the best athletes?

### **Workout**

Extra Reading: Romans 1:16; 6:4; Galatians 1:10; 2:20; Ephesians 1:18-20

### **Overtime**

God help me to live in Your power. I pray that my actions in everything will reflect who You are. Please help my life to have eternal meaning and put Your Word on display. Amen.

### **Bible Reference:**

1 Peter 1



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