

## **Putting in Your Time**

### **Ready:**

“The LORD will fight for you; you must be quiet.” - Exodus 14:14

### **Set**

As athletes, we all want to win the big game. We all want to win the championship. We all want to hang a banner on the wall of the gym. But when it comes to being champions of a different kind—champions for Christ—only those of us who truly understand and “get” Exodus 14:14 have the chance to do that.

In sports, we don’t become winners overnight. We have to work at it. How many times have we heard or maybe even said, “Practice makes perfect,” or “Not preparing is preparing not to win”? The same is true for us in our spiritual lives. It takes time to know what God wants us to do and to learn to hear His voice. I wouldn’t swear by it but, I don’t think anyone has seen a burning bush or heard from a talking donkey lately.

God still speaks to us, but we have to learn how to hear Him. Even during those times when we are struggling to discern His will, we still have to take the time to rest in the knowledge that God knows what is best for us. It’s not easy to learn patience, but it is a lesson that God truly does teach. It is also one that, when learned, can lead to winning the big game: the one that leads to spiritual victory for Jesus Christ.

### **Go**

1. Are you talking to God daily?
2. Are you spending time daily in God’s Word?
3. If you are not doing either of these, when are you going to start?

### **Workout**

Joshua 1:9 Jeremiah 29:11 Proverbs 3:5

### **Overtime**

“Lord, I pray that You would teach me to remain in Your ways. I don’t know what is best for me, but You do. Please allow me to trust Your plan for my life. Thank You for giving me Your hope and Your future through Jesus Christ.”

### **Bible Reference:**

Jeremiah 29



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