

## **Understanding Galatians 2: Empower By Your Example**

### **Ready:**

"Then fourteen years later I went back to Jerusalem again, this time with Barnabas; and Titus came along, too. I went there because God revealed to me that I should go. While I was there I met privately with those considered to be leaders of the church and shared with them the message I had been preaching to the Gentiles. I wanted to make sure that we were in agreement, for fear that all my efforts had been wasted and I was running the race for nothing. And they supported me and did not even demand that my companion Titus be circumcised, though he was a Gentile." Galatians 2:1-3

### **Set**

I remember times when I was playing with my university basketball team. Every game was like a battle, as that was our first season with our new team, with new players, new relationships, and new teamwork. But one player on our team was particularly special. Before every game in our locker room, he encouraged our team and challenged us to be better athletes. He was our definitive heartbeat for the team. He was a great example for me to empower others. But before our last game, we had to play against the top teams of that year's championship.

Our leader and motivator found that he could not encourage us at that time; and for some reason, my friend opposed him and said that we were winners and could do this. I believed him 100%. On game day, I was filled with lots of confidence, and I was playing the role of motivator. And that night, we became champions.

During the time when Paul was coming to Jerusalem again, he was not new to the team of disciples, yet he had to convince others with the powerful message of the Gospel. He was so confident at the message that he believed it came directly from the Lord; and he was right. The best thing to remember as a leader is to have the initiative to take a step with no fear and follow Jesus so that your team will practically see how you live and what you say. Paul came with young Titus and gave him a chance to see how to share the Gospel with power. As such, he empowered him and others to be strong followers of Jesus Christ.

### **Go**

1. Who is someone you wanted to imitate in your sports life?
2. What are some things that God has opened to you to do in your life?
3. What you can use to empower others in what they do and how they live? When you will do it?

### **Workout**

Matthew 28:18-20

### **Overtime**

“Lord, help me to be committed to You with my whole heart and mind. I want to use what You gave me in my life to empower others to be the best version of themselves so that they can glorify Your holy name. Amen.”

### **Bible Reference:**

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