

Suit Up

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John 15:16 (NIV)

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.”

In grade school, gym class was either everyone’s dream or everyone’s nightmare. Some of the most difficult moments came for those who were not the most athletic. Independent sports were the best because you could stand on your own merit, but team sports, that’s where the pressure started. There was nothing worse than waiting on the sidelines and praying that someone would pick you to be on their team. The best players were selected first, while the not so good players stood (often ridiculed and teased) waiting and wondering if some how they had become invisible. For many, these moments of being unwanted, has led to a lifetime of self-doubt and a lack of self-esteem.

In John 15, Jesus talks to the disciples about what life was like being on his team. On His team you may face ridicule, you may be persecuted, you may be misunderstood. However, membership has special privileges; as his teammates, you can ask the Heavenly Father for support and it will be granted. Perhaps in this season you are teased by family because you have been spending a lot of time watching church services on YouTube and reading your bible app. Maybe friends have faded away because they do not understand the new and improved Christian you. Don’t be concerned, you have been set apart, and filled to overcome all adversity.

You have been chosen by Jesus himself to be on His team as a disciple. He saw something special in you that He wants to use to build his heavenly kingdom. What others may have taken for granted, Jesus sees as something special. He doesn’t want you to sit on the bench, He wants you to play in the game. You have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit. He plans to enlarge your spheres of influence so that the power He has placed inside of you can bear witness of His greatness. Your uniform, the Armor of God is waiting for you to put it on. There are souls to be saved, lives to be transformed, and you have been hand selected to do the work. You are capable and competent, and you will not fail. His promises for your life are answered with Yes and Amen. It is time to get to work; Suit Up.

Thank God for being the lifter of your head when you felt unwanted. Do something today to encourage someone who may be feeling underappreciated.