

Gamecock Devotion

#9 THE GREATEST CHAMPION BRINGS LIFE TO HIS TEAMMATES



Question: Why is it not just enough not to condemn your teammates? What does it mean to give a team, a staff or a place “life?” Jesus gave life to those who we come into contact with, how can we also then give life?

As a teammate, many times you hold the confidence of your teammates in your hands every day. The greatest champion had a “role dog” that He heard was down and He could not let Him stay this way. Although it was a little more drastic of a recovery than our encouragement might be, He knew that He would not let him stay down long. When the greatest champion heard that His teammate was down, He wept, meaning that His heart was broken when His teammate was down. So many of us get so caught up in ourselves that we miss opportunities to check the heartbeat of those around us and make a difference in them.

As we looked at last week you cannot look down on anyone, but the greatest champion did not quit there. He gave His teammates LIFE. He lifted them up. He took them to another level. When He walked in and spoke His teammates rose up and changed. Then, the most powerful of all, when He gave His teammates life He did not settle just for them being alive, He told them to be their best. He told Lazarus here that He needed to take off His grave clothes and live! He didn't want His teammate to look like He was dead if He wasn't.

This miracle is probably one of the most dramatic miracles to the onlookers of the greatest champion and definitely led the people around to start talking about killing Him. BUT AFTER ALL when you give people life isn't it just natural that the dead people get jealous? Make sure everywhere you go you challenge your teammates to rise up, walk, and use the talents that God has given the.

John 11:38-44

³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹"Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." ⁴⁰Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."