

The Big Ten



Lesson 6: Lessons from the greatest plays October 18 & 19, 2014

"I would rather teach one man to pray than ten men to preach." *Charles Spurgeon*

"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness."
Martin Luther

"Prayer is not a fruitless exercise that God gave us to do in order to determine how faithful we are. Prayer is the vehicle that releases God to move on the earth!"

2 Corinthians 1:11 You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many. *The Living Bible*

1 Peter 5:8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, **looking for someone to devour**. *New Living Translation SE*

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11** Put on the full armor of God **so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes**. **13** Therefore put on the full armor of God, **so that when the day of evil comes**, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. *New International Version*

Life is Hard, Church Should Help: It's no secret. Life is hard, and we are constantly being challenged by a world that is dying. That's why we are all about creating life-giving environments that mobilize God to do something incredible in your everyday life. Prayer, worship, teaching and counseling all work together to create an atmosphere charged with expectation.

1. To have a comeback moment you must know God is backing you

Romans 8:31 What can we ever say to such wonderful things as these? If God is on our side, who can ever be against us? *The Living Bible*

Matthew 19:26 Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.” *New Living Translation SE*

2. To have a comeback moment you must stand your ground

James 4:7 So give yourselves humbly to God. **Resist the devil** and he will flee from you. *The Living Bible*

Allowing God to be your coach

1. We must know and follow God’s playbook

John 8:31 Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. **32** And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” *New Living Translation SE*

Allowing God to be your coach

2. We must allow God to coach us

James 1:5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. *New Living Translation SE*

Psalm 103:12 He has **removed our sins** as far away from us as the east is from the west. *The Living Bible*

1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, **he can be depended on to forgive us** and to cleanse us from every wrong. And it is perfectly proper for God to do this for us because Christ died to wash away our sins. *The Living Bible*