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Get in the Game

“CHRISTIAN ALL-STAR TRADING CARDS”

The Big Idea: This series explores how God has designed each of us to be on the mission of a lifetime. With sports analogies as the backdrop, we will explore the broad scope of the mission and the unique part we each have been invited to play in “the Game”.



Session 2: The Skills

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(Lights up)

(CHRIS AND TRACY ENTER, EACH CARRYING A SHOEBOX OR AN ALBUM CONTAINING THEIR TRADING CARD COLLECTIONS. THEY ALSO EACH HAVE AN UNOPENED PACK OF TRADING CARDS.)

Chris: I love having a brand new pack of trading cards. It's so exciting, waiting to maybe discover a new card you don't have...

Tracy: Yeah, or finding a good one to trade with somebody. *(LOOKING AT THE PACKAGE FOR A MOMENT)* "Christian All-Star Trading Cards." Wow, ever since I was a kid, I've enjoyed these. Let's open 'em up and see what we got!

Chris: You go ahead. I want to save mine for awhile—I like to savor the anticipation. Because each and every new pack might be "the one," the rarest and most sought-after of all Christian All-Star Trading Cards--

Tracy: The Billy Graham rookie card . . .

Chris: **sighs** Yeah . . . from that magic year of 1943, just out of Wheaton College, hosting the radio show "Songs In the Night," and starting at center pulpit with the First Baptist Church of Western Springs.

Tracy: Incredible first year-stats: 413 souls saved; 202 baptized; and 2,113 verified answers to prayer.

Chris: Unbelievable.

Tracy: Okay, let's see what I got. *(OPENS PACK)* Oooohhh! Billy Sunday! Need him!

Chris: I got him.

Tracy: And it's an action shot: breaking a chair over the pulpit while telling the devil to leave the people be. Cool. *(REMOVES NEXT CARD)* John Calvin. I already got nine of Calvin. Why do I always get Calvin?

Chris: It was preordained.

Tracy: *(NEXT CARD)* Hmmmm. Martin Luther.

Chris: Luther? That's a pretty rare card.

Tracy: *(TURNING THE CARD OVER AND READING THE BACK)* Stats: Born in Eisleben, Germany, 1483. Attended University of Wittenberg. Pro career included 18 years with the Catholic Church, until 1517 when he posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Palace church, thereby declaring his free-agency. He then became a charter member of the expansion club, The Protestant Reformers. Favorite position: On his knees.

Chris: That's an awesome card, dude.

Tracy: I dunno. I'm not that big on the Old-Timers series. Tell you what, though: I'll trade you for a Bill Hybels.

Chris: Hybels? Which card?

Tracy: The 1974 card, the year before he started Willow Creek.

Chris: Hmmmmmm....I dunno....

Tracy: Okay: Luther, plus . . . (*SCANS COLLECTION*) The Singing Nun.

Chris: Done. (*THEY SWAP CARDS*) What's your last one?

Tracy: Harvey Nudleman.

Chris: Huh? Who's THAT?

Tracy: (*TURNS CARD OVER*) Oh, wow, check this out: He was an all-star usher for St. Hermann's Methodist Church in Wheeling, West Virginia. Served communion over 5 decades, from 1948 through 1985. Holds the record for most consecutive tithe-and-offering plates passed at 3,212 Sundays in a row. Favorite play: the sincere smile and handshake.

Chris: So...he was a nobody, then.

Tracy: What do you mean, a "nobody"?

Chris: I mean, he was a nobody! An unknown! Who ever heard of him? Dude, that's a lousy card. A real stinker.

Tracy: But, he served faithfully all those years . . .

Chris: Yeah, served IN OBSCURITY. Who cares? He ain't an all-star, he's a NOBODY.

Tracy: I suppose. Okay, now open yours.

Chris: Yeah, I'm ready for a miracle here....c'mon, Billy Graham rookie card . . .
(*SLOWLY OPENS PACK AND DROPS WRAPPER AND BEGINS TO SLOWLY THUMB THROUGH THE CARDS*) Charles Spurgeon, got him... Pope Pious X, got him...Sandi Patti, got her...(*CLUTCHES LAST CARD TO CHEST, HIDING IT UNTIL THE LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT*) Could it be . . . will it be . . .

Tracy: C'mon, see what it is! I can't stand the suspense!

Chris: (*FINALLY LOOKS, FACE FALLING DEJECTEDLY*) Oy.

Tracy: What? Already got him?

Chris: Worse.

Tracy: Worse? You mean it's a – a "nobody"?

Chris: I sure ain't never heard of him. Have you? (*HANDS CARD TO TRACY*)

Tracy: . . . "Dave Ferguson" . . . ???? (*THEY LOOK AT EACH OTHER AND SHRUG, THEN HANDS THE CARD BACK*) Well – you can always stick it in your bicycle wheel spokes.

Chris: (*BRIGHTENING*) Yeah!

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