

Confidence

All You Can Be

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READY: "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time. " -1 Timothy 2:5

SET: In the 2006 movie "Invincible," the story of Philadelphia Eagles fan-turned-NFL-pro Vince Papale plays out on the big screen. After losing his job and his wife, he was told that he would never amount to anything, that he wouldn't make any money and that he wasn't going anywhere.

Has a coach ever told you, "You're not talented enough. You just won't make it."? Has a co-worker, spouse, friend or parent buried you in doubt?

In 1 Timothy, the Bible says Jesus ". . .gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time."

Even if the people around you don't believe in you and don't think you will amount to anything, God thinks otherwise. He watched as His only Son was savagely and brutally killed because He believed in you. Christ endured one of the most horrific deaths on a cross as a testimony to your potential.

The Creator of the Universe has a plan and a purpose for your life. Regardless of your situation, your city, your home, your family or your friends, God wants you to follow His plan. Can you imagine what your life would be like if you were doing exactly what God created you to do?

The lifelong Philadelphia Eagles fan Vince Papale wasn't supposed to make it to the NFL. He wasn't supposed to amount to anything. But in the end, he did make it onto the team. He played with the Eagles for three seasons and inspired an entire city.

Jesus Christ paid for you with His life as a testimony to what you can become.

GO:

1. What do I think when people doubt me or tear me down?
2. How can I remind myself that God does believe in me?
3. How can I discover what God created me for?

WORKOUT:

Isaiah 40:30-31
Jeremiah 29:11-13
Psalm 33:11-12
Ephesians 1:11

OVERTIME:

"Lord, guard me from disbelief. Grab my heart and my mind when I believe I will fail. Reveal to me Your plan for my life. Draw me into Your plan, Your will and remind me of the price You paid for me."

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