

BASEBALL FAITH PARABLE SONG

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Isaiah 49: 7 prophesy of JESUS Yeshua, applies to Gentiles “Grafted In” – Romans 11:
“Thus says the LORD, The Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One,
To Him whom man despises, To Him whom the nation abhors, To the Servant of rulers:
“Kings shall see and arise, Princes also shall worship,
Because of the LORD who is faithful, The Holy One of Israel;
And He has chosen You.”

Matthew 20:16 - It's ALSO about you: “For many are called, but few chosen.” ...
John 3:16-17 shows God LOVES all... but few respond to His Invitation to be on the
LORD'S Team. Those who **both** say Yes AND Follow are chosen. See Matt. 7:21-29.

VERSE 1

Once there was a baseball coach – famous for his team. But
each player became careless – acted pridefully. They
started to skip practices. Made silly excuses. And
blamed the Coach: Saying “*He's too Hard! That's un-fair!*”
The team obeyed their Great Coach
ONLY when they wanted..... And then *mocked* people NOT on their team.

Reading 1 after Verse 1 >> **Seen in Matthew 7:21-23...** Jesus **KICKS OFF OF HIS TEAM** those who **SAY** they are on **His** team, but then refuse to obey Him as their coach: “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘*Lord, Lord,*’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘*Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?*’ And then I will declare to them,
‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice Law-lessness!’”

VERSE 2

This coach got tired of complaints, and Team **laziness**. He went to a dark part of town, where poor people lived. Coach said “*I want a baseball team, and invite ALL of you – ev'ryone!*” They knew who He was! What an invitation! What an Honor! It did not matter **WHAT** their skills – for the Great Coach had power to give **ALL** of them winning skills!

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< 1 Corin 10:13, John 14:12** >

** **JESUS:** “*Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.*”

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VERSE 3

Children, youth and adults ALL listened in amazement:
Here stood such a famous Coach! Offering a Place for them!
Coach wanted ALL of them, with JUST ONE condition: They
simply had to say "yes" to Him, and follow Him, with commitment.

They had to obey – which showed trust and respect.

Ev'ryone had that CHOICE
to be qualified!

Reading 2 after Verse 3 >> 2 Peter 3:9

"The LORD is NOT slack concerning *His* promise,
as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us,

NOT willing that any should perish but that ALL should come to repentance."

VERSE 4

This is NOT a fake story: Jesus Himself taught it.

First Peter 3, Verse 9's promise: God wants ALL on His Team!

First Timothy 2, verse 4: God calls EACH one of us. Like the

dinner that Jesus told us about -- Luke 14: WILL YOU ACCEPT HIS INVITATION?

It does not matter what YOUR skills

Ephesians 3: 20, God gives you winning skills you need!

VERSE 5

John 3: 16 means NOTHING, if you won't believe this: God

HATES the DEATH of ANY one. See Ezekiel 18. He's

prepared a way for your salvation since history first began! BUT like for

any baseball Team, the Coach will **NOT MAKE** you Accept His Invitation!

God shows **EVERYONE** Himself --- see

Romans 1, at the end. BUT

God will **NOT** force you to say YES and **LIVE**.

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Song Story: This concept is one of my favorite ways of explaining **PREDESTINATION** to people: NOT that God picks and chooses who will be saved... His Word clearly says He wants **ALL** saved. He has conditions that are JUST: Whether or not to obey them is each person's **choice**.... & God who is beyond Time has known since Creation what we'd pick.