

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday February 23, 2026 - II Timothy 4:7

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

[Read 2 Timothy 4 All Versions](#)

Read II Timothy 4 for meditation and inspiration.



Get in the Game

Dear Lakesiders and Friends,

Baseball summer camps are abuzz with life all around Florida. Pre-season is upon us and those local stadiums are filling up with those who want to see what the new crop of rookie players looks like and how they will fit in with veterans on the team. Then there is the look at the mound with pitchers whose performance can determine whether a team's season is a winning one or not.

So, with opening day not far off, I find myself once again wishing that my favorite baseball team once called "the Cleveland Indians" but now "the Cleveland Guardians" would recruit that perfect player. You know, the one who performs at every position beautifully and rarely strikes out or commits an error.

The problem is, how can they get him to put down his hot dog and beer long enough to come down from the bleachers?

As we journey through life as Jesus' followers, what does it take to get us to put down whatever it is that we're consuming and come down from the stands? As we journey through life as Jesus' followers, what does it take to transform us from spectators into actual players ready to "GET IN THE GAME".

Remember how in Luke it is recorded:

“Luke 9: 57 As they were going along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” 58 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head.” 59 To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” 60 But he said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” 61 Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” 62 Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Also, think of Matthew 16:24

“Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

Yes, your Lakeside Presbyterian Church needs your involvement; the Cause of Christ requires your action; the Kingdom of God claims it essential, and vital that you take up your cross and follow Him.

To all you cross bearers and kingdom destined workers, God’s will be done and your faith walk will be the most rewarding experience in your life.

Your Fellow Follower,



Roger

