

**June 14 / Sunday**  
**Football: A Hail Mary**  
Read [Luke 1:26-55](#)



**15 / Mon – Hope lost** | Read [1 Kings 17:7-16](#)

In 1922 when Notre Dame was trailing Georgia Tech, the Fighting Irish prayed a Hail Mary in the huddle and immediately scored. It is reported that a second huddle prayer resulted in a touchdown that gave them a come-from-behind win. Today this term is used to signify any last-ditch effort when hope seems lost. This woman was at the end of her resources, literally, but read what God did. Have you ever needed a miracle, obeyed God, and the result was beyond expectation?

**16 / Tue – Unexpected** | Read [Luke 1:34-38](#)

The Jewish people had been waiting for centuries for the Messiah to come and save them from oppression. They envisioned a warrior king riding on a white horse but did anyone expect him to come as a baby? When the angel revealed Mary's part in God's plan, she had a choice to make. Knowing it would bring dishonor and misunderstanding, she said still yes. Is God asking you to do something difficult that may cost you dearly? Will you follow Mary's humble example?

**17 / Wed – Knee-jerk reactions** | Read [Luke 22:47-51](#) / [John 18:10-11, 25-26](#)

Peter was frantic. They were coming with soldiers to arrest Jesus and someone had to save him. Wildly slashing with an unfamiliar weapon, Peter only managed to cut off a servant's ear. It did not save the day but it did give Jesus a chance to show mercy to the hapless bystander. Have you ever felt like Peter, frantic to fix something, and you took action that made the situation worse? The Lord can and does have mercy on you when you give the situation back to him.

**18 / Thu – Unexpected outcome** | Read [2 Chronicles 20:1-30](#)

A massive army was coming against the nation of Judah. King Jehoshaphat had learned from his previous bad decisions that he couldn't depend on his own ingenuity to win this battle. Instead, he humbled himself before the Lord. Then, as crazy as it seemed, he did exactly what God told him to do, sending the praise singers out in front of the army...and the rest is history. Have you ever found yourself in a similar position? Make the king's prayer (v. 12) your own and see what God will do.

**19 / Fri – He can but even if He doesn't...** | Read [Daniel 3:1-30](#)

Things can escalate quickly. These three leaders had faithfully served the foreign king's interests since they were young men. Then they were commanded to do something that dishonored God. They refused. The sentence was death. When given one more chance to comply, see their brave response in v.16-18. Even though they didn't know the outcome, their courage did not waver. Where do your loyalties lie? What are the things you will never compromise?

**20 / Sat – Your real Dad** | Read [Romans 8:14-17](#)

Tomorrow is Father's Day. You might not *be* a dad but you certainly had one. There are different kinds of fathers. Some seem to know the right things to say and do. Others struggle to be what they know they should be. Some even give up and walk away. No matter what kind of relationship you've had with your biological father, you have a Father in heaven who is the perfect dad. His love and affirmation will fill any gaps your imperfect parents left behind. Do you choose to believe this?