

Who Do You Trust?

by Mike Tucker *

Since I'm a baseball fan, my thoughts always turn to the big league playoffs this time of year. I enjoy looking back at interesting matchups that have occurred through the years. The 2006 AL Divisional Playoffs come to mind. According to the experts, the Yankees were supposed to win their division. In fact, they were supposed to win it all that year – the World Series.

The Yankees had everything going for them: They had the best record in baseball, winning 97 games. They had the largest payroll in the history of baseball; the average player salary was \$10 million a year. And they had the best players in baseball; nine Yankees — virtually their entire lineup — made the All Star team.

The Detroit Tigers, on the other hand, were just three years past setting the AL record for most losses in a season, and many of the players on the 2006 roster had been on that miserable 2003 team. The Tigers were an inexperienced club; 18 Tigers had never seen postseason play. The 2006 season was supposed to be a building year. There were no high expectations for this team, and yet, they found themselves in the AL Division Series – facing the Yankees.

Amazingly, the Tigers won! And that wasn't the end. The Tigers won the American League Championship and went on to compete in the 2006 World Series.

As for the Yankees, it's clear that their oversized payroll and impressive roster didn't take them where they thought it would.

In the same way, too often we put our trust in the wrong assets. We expect money to bring us peace of mind, relationships to bring us happiness, possessions to bring us satisfaction. It never works; at least not for long.

David said, **"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." (Psalm 20:7)**

What are the chariots and horses in your life? What things do you look to for fulfillment instead of looking to God? This week, every time you catch yourself lamenting your lack of money, your lack of personnel, your lack of resources — remember David's words. And remember the 2006 New York Yankees. You already have the asset you most need in order to do the work God has called you to do: you have His power on your side.

Wallace Johnson, founder of the Holiday Inn, said: "I am totally dependent on God for help in everything I do. Otherwise I honestly believe I would start to fall apart in months."

This is where every Christian needs to be: fully dependent on the power and the provision of God to get through every challenge and meet every opportunity.

With love,
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