

FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made | Chapel 2

Victorious!

Call to Worship & Prayer:

We begin our chapel in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Dear Lord we give You thanks and praise for allowing us to come together to spend time in Your presence as we praise You. Bless this time of worship. Let Your word fill our hearts and minds with Your love and grace so that we may take it with us to our classrooms, the playground, our homes, and everywhere we go. Remind us dear Father that we have been fearfully and wonderfully made to serve You. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.

Opening Song: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made (Hearts for Jesus Theme Song) by Aaron Rohde

Bible Verse: 1 Timothy 4:8-9 (ESV)

For while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance.

Introduction of Video: (Read by Leader)

It seems that no matter where you go in God's great big world you will find somebody playing a sport. Turn on any television at any time of the day and you are guaranteed to find sports being played, reported, analyzed or celebrated. Soccer, baseball, golf, basketball, rugby, football, tennis, hockey, volleyball, cricket, track & field, boxing, snowboarding, bicycling and water polo; the list goes on and on. Ever wonder why so many people are so interested in sports? Maybe it's the excitement. Some are driven by the idea of competing against others to see who's the best. For the very best, sports can become a way to earn millions of dollars and worldwide fame. Whether you are pursuing a college scholarship or simply passing time on a Saturday afternoon, there's no denying the impact that sports play in our lives.

The real beauty of sports comes from the many lessons it teaches those who play. Players learn the value of hard work, preparation, strategy and execution. They also learn a great deal about listening to coaching, taking criticism, leadership and working together as a team. These are important traits that will help these children grow into successful adults. God also provides us with lessons and opportunities to learn and grow in every area of life, including sports.

What is God teaching us through a love of sports? Let's see just what He has in store for us as we meet Elijah Floerke, a seventh-grade student from Illinois who has been fearfully and wonderfully made to play.

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It is obvious that Elijah loves to compete and is serious about being the best player he can be, no matter what he is playing. Sports are providing him with the chance to meet other people, to build relationships, and to challenge himself to improve daily both on and off the field. This process of continual improvement is important in everything we do, including our faith life. Daily exercise of our body provides tremendous health benefits. Likewise, daily exercise of our relationship with God will provide tremendous faith benefits. Reading our Bibles every day prepares us for the ups and downs of life. Not only does it tell us how God wants us to live our lives, it introduces us to Jesus, the one and only Son of God who loved us enough to save us from our sin by dying on a cross. We also learn to take our joys and concerns to God in prayer so that we can receive God's comfort and reassurance that He will take care of our needs.

God has blessed us with these tremendous gifts, but just like sports are more fun when you are sharing the experience with others, we also find great joy in the ability to share the gift of God's love with others. It is God's desire that all people would come to salvation through faith in Jesus. We can help this to happen by the words we share, the invitations we give to others to come to church, and most importantly through the way we live. May we always seek out ways to share Christ with others so that they too might win the ultimate prize of eternal life in heaven.

Offering**Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, we are humbled by your greatness. You have given us every good thing, including the joy that comes from sports and competition. Help us to enjoy the games we play. Teach us to be gracious winners and losers, placing a greater importance upon the people with whom we play. In every situation Lord, help guide us to be strong enough to share the love that You have so richly given to us. Help us to praise you in all that we do so that our thoughts, words and deeds will bring you glory.

(Insert Prayer Request and other individual church/school needs here)

We pray these things in the name of Your victorious Son, Jesus Christ who taught us also to pray...

Lord's Prayer and Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. AMEN.

Closing Song Options:

"The Church's One Foundation" (LSB 644, AGPS 224)

Running by Hillsong