

At KATY UNITED we aim to have a positive impact in the lives of our youth in all of the following influences that affect them.

SPIRITUAL PHYSICAL MENTAL FINANCIAL SOCIAL

FAITH Week 3- Faithful Teammate

Athletes Aim For Something Bigger

We TRAIN with our teammates for goals because the FINISH LINE is further than you can see!

Anyone who has played sports knows how important a great teammate can be.

As the saying goes, “You can lose with good players, but you cannot win without them.” It’s amazing what a team full of unselfish players who are willing to sacrifice for the team are able to accomplish. Hall of Fame center Bill Russell once said, “The most important measure of how good a game I played was how much better I’d made my teammates play.” That is so true!

This reminds me of an incredible story of friendship and teamwork in the Bible. The story is found in Mark 2:1-12.

Four men come to bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus. They had undoubtedly heard about Jesus and knew that He could heal their friend. But there was one major problem. The crowds were too much. They couldn’t get to Jesus. They were carrying their paralyzed friend on a mat and there appeared to be no way to get close enough to Jesus so that their friend could be healed. So what did they decide to do? Perhaps they could have given up. I mean they tried their best, right? Maybe they could have gone back home sad and dejected? No way! There was no way these four friends were going to abandon their mission that easily. They were going to do everything within their power to get their friend

to Jesus. They started digging a hole in the roof above Jesus! Nothing would deter these four men from their mission.

Eventually, they dug a hole in the roof and lowered their friend on a mat to Jesus. Mark 2:5 says, "When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'" It's so interesting that Mark points out how Jesus saw their faith. These four friends had great faith. They did whatever it took to get their friend to Jesus. Nothing would deter them from completing their mission. Talk about some awesome teammates! Those are the kind of teammates I want on my team! Perhaps more importantly, those are the kind of teammates that we want to be for other people in our lives. I will be the first to admit that I have not always been that kind of teammate. I can think of countless times where regretfully I've put my own needs above the needs of others. But there is great news! We serve a God of forgiveness and redemption. God loves us and He wants us to be the kind of teammates who will bring other people closer to Him. That is exactly what the four friends did in Mark 2. They got their friend to Jesus. So the next time you think about teamwork, remember the following three lessons.

Great teammates do whatever it takes to benefit the team.

Great teammates have the integrity to do what's right against what's popular.

Great teammates know the importance of trusting each other.

Weekly Goal: What kind of a teammate are you? How can you show that you are a faithful Teammate?

FINISH:  KATY UNITED puts God first and then we Work and Play in that order. Lets lock arms with our teammates and then let's put Him first by bowing our heads and honoring Him in the quietness BY REFLECTING ON what we just heard.

Pick an athlete who will shout "WE ARE..." Then the rest of the athletes shout "UNITED!"

HIGH FIVE SOMEONE!