

Four Home Runs

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I watched the baseball game last night. It was the bottom of the ninth and the Dodgers were behind by four runs. There was not much hope left amongst the fans. Many were already leaving the ballpark. Then it happened.



Batter number one came up and hit a home run. Everyone cheered. The next batter came up and he too hit a home run, the cheering continued and got louder. Those in the parking lot began to return to see what was happening. The third batter did the same, hitting the third home run in a row. The crowd was going wild.

Then, the fourth batter hit the fourth consecutive home run. Four in a row. The crowd did not know what to do with itself. Nothing like this had happened in baseball history for over 50 years. Four consecutive home runs, one right after another. How timely, in the bottom of the ninth, tying up the game, forcing extra innings.

The Padres scored right away in the top of the tenth, but that was all they could muster. Then came the Dodgers turn. The first man walked. Then the batter hit the next home run, ending the game. The Dodgers won 11-10. This was considered one of the all time greatest baseball games. A baseball fan will surely appreciate this; however, the rest of us can also learn from this a great deal.

When everything looks bleak, when you have already given up and the hope of winning has faded; this is the time, more than ever to make extra efforts to pull back from the brink and push, push, push to win. Never, ever give up. Always keep on swinging.

Some may argue whether or not Heaven was smiling upon the Dodgers last night, but that does not matter. Heaven smiles upon us, especially when we merit the Divine attention. Heaven blesses the determined soul. Heaven blesses the one who never gives up hope. Heaven is with the one lives by faith. Indeed, the one who lives by faith is even called righteous.

The Dodgers never gave up and somehow they made history and won. We are all Dodgers in this respect, because each of us, however behind in life we are can hit consecutive home runs, tie the game of life and do deeds of righteousness that tip the game in our favor.

An old baseball player once said, "it ain't over til it's over." Indeed, we still have much game left within us. Though the score looks bleak, we can still win this.

Dodge the bad things in life. Embrace the good. Hit life's homeruns. Win the pennant of life. Go for the World Series. Heaven is with you. You can do it. Do not doubt yourself or your abilities. Keep on swinging. Make a difference. Win or lose, in the end you will be a winner. This is faith. This is righteousness. This is what Heaven smiles upon. This is you!