

WISDOM SESSION

Umph!

“The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.”

Thomas Paine

On opening day of the 1954 baseball season, the Cincinnati Reds hosted the Milwaukee Braves. Two rookies began their major league careers in that game. The Reds won 9-8. Without dispute, the star of the game was Jim Greengrass, the rookie who hit four doubles in his first major-league outing. Sports commentators almost immediately began hailing him as the next superstar. Plus, he had a made-for-baseball name!

The other rookie that day had a dismal start. He was 0-5, but he kept swinging, kept trying, and kept playing. His powerful batting performances over the years eventually earned Henry “Hank” Aaron a place in Baseball’s Hall of Fame!

Another sports example of adding “umph” to try is Walter Payton. During a Monday night football game between the New York Giants and the Chicago Bears, one of the announcers noted that Payton, the Bears’ running back, had just passed nine miles in career rushing yardage. The other announcer added ruefully, “Yeah, and that’s with someone knocking him down every 4.6 yards!”

Being knocked down isn’t the same as being knocked out, unless you stay down. Give it some “umph” and keep trying!

- God’s Little Devotional Book for Leaders

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

- Galatians 6:9

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David Trent believes that wisdom comes from continually seeking to learn and grow through relationships and reading, which leads to personal development. In an effort to inspire learning in others, David Trent sends out weekly Wisdom Sessions. He recommends purchasing and reading any book source used in these Wisdom Sessions.