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| |  | | --- | | **“I’m the Greatest”**    ***“There are different kinds of gifts,***  ***but the same Spirit distributes them.***  ***-1 Corinthians 12:4***    **As a child, I remember spending hours upon hours playing baseball at the church field near my house.**  **It didn’t matter how many of us could or could not play on any given day, those of us who could, did.**  **We always made the necessary adjustments so that somehow, someway, we would use our mitts, bats and baseball to play some version of baseball.**  **If we had a bunch of friends, we would play “traditional baseball”.**  **If we did not have enough, we would play “500”.**  **If we only had three people, we would play “Run down”.**  **If we had two, we would play catch.**  **If it was only me, I would play catch with myself with my “Pitchback”.**  **When my brother or friends were not around, I could go out to the backyard and play catch with myself.**  **When no one was around, I could still play.**  **That reminds me of a cute story of a little boy who had no one to play baseball with one day.**  **His mom was watching him through the open kitchen window and heard him say to himself;**  **“I’m the greatest hitter in the world”.**  **He tossed the ball into the air, swung and missed.**  **“Strike one” he said to himself.**  **He picked up the ball, threw it into the air and said to himself;**  **“I’m the greatest batter ever.”**  **He swung and missed again.**  **“Strike two”.**  **He paused for a moment, examined the bat and the ball carefully, tossed the ball into the air for a third time, and said;**  **“I’m the greatest hitter who has ever lived.”**  **He swung his bat hard again and for a third time swung and missed.**  **“Wow, strike three!”**  **Then his mom heard him say to himself.**  **“What a pitcher.”**  **“I’m the greatest pitcher in the world.”**  ***Prayer***  ***Lord, help me to have a good perspective like the little boy who loved playing baseball.***  ***Help me to “make the best of what is”.***  ***When I cannot do one thing well,***  ***help me to optimistically see that***  ***I can do something else well.***  ***You have blessed me.***  ***I thank you and ask you to help me to see those blessings and the things that you have enabled me to do.***  ***And help me not to focus on the things that I cannot do.***  ***In Jesus’ name.***  ***Amen!***  ***“There are different kinds of gifts,***  ***but the same Spirit distributes them.***  ***-1 Corinthians 12:4***  **God Bless,**  **Pastor Dave**  **Word of Life Church**  **17525 W. Bell Rd.**  **Surprise, AZ 85374** | |

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