

# Baseball Team Devotion- The RBI

## Scripture Lesson: Luke 15:1-10

The RBI or run batted in is a statistic that can bring great joy to your team, especially if it is a game winning RBI. Can you name the ways a player can be credited with an RBI? (base hit, sacrifice fly, ground out that scores a run, squeeze play, bases loaded walk, bases loaded hit batsman). Did you know the Major League record for RBIs in a single season is 191 by Chicago Cub Hack Wilson in 1930? That record was set in a 154 game season. The Major League record for RBIs in a career is held by Hank Aaron of the Braves with 2297 RBIs. That is a lot of RBIs! Can you remember the joy that came to your team with a walk off RBI to win the game? It is a feeling of pure joy! Have you ever had a game winning RBI? How did it feel?

In today's Scripture lesson, Jesus has gathered around Him to hear Him teach a collection of sinners and tax collectors. The Pharisees or religious leaders of the day could not believe that Jesus welcomed those people. Jesus often taught in parables or word pictures that made heavenly points. He tells 2 parables of people who had lost something. In the first parable a shepherd had lost one of his one hundred sheep. The second parable is about a woman who lost one of her ten silver coins. In both parables the lost sheep and coin were searched for until they were found. When the sheep and the coin were found there was great rejoicing. Jesus' point in the parables is simple. When someone who is away from God returns there is great joy in heaven. The joy of the game winning RBI is wonderful, but it pales to the celebration that occurs in heaven when someone comes to God. That celebration is greater than imaginable! Today where are you with God? Are you living for Him? Maybe as a Christian there is someone you need to tell about Jesus. Want to set off a celebration in heaven? Then make your life right with God today. He is only a prayer away! Why not drive in a heavenly run for the Kingdom by telling the good news about Jesus to someone who needs to hear and by living for Christ each and everyday. That my friends will set off the greatest of all celebrations!

Visual aid: Great you tube video of Tigers clinching AL pennant in 2006

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKQnkFkOaFQ>