

## Baseball Team Devotion-The Call to the Bullpen

### Scripture Lesson: Psalm 145:17-20a

In most Major League games, there is a call to the bullpen. Managers and pitching coaches have a phone in the dugout that they can use to call the bullpen to get a relief pitcher warming up. In today's game of specialized bullpens, the complete game is almost nonexistent. On most nights in the big leagues the dugout phone is used several times to make the call to the bullpen. In an ESPN Sports Center commercial, a call is made to the bullpen by White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen. Instead of getting his bullpen, the call mistakenly goes through to Sports Center anchor Neil Everett who thinks it is a crank call. Ozzie even calls back only to have Everett hang up on him. That call never got through to the bullpen.

In our Scripture lesson today, the Psalmist talks to us about a call that never goes unanswered or goes to the wrong place. He talks to us about God always being near to us when we call on Him. God loves us and wants the very best for us. Just like in the big leagues where there is a call to the bullpen every day, we need to make that call to God who loves us and wants the best for us. That call is not made on a phone, it is made in a prayer. Some of the most important time we can spend in any day is the time we spend praying to God, making that personal call to Him. God wants us to share our day with Him, the good and the bad. God wants us to know firsthand of His love and care for us. When is the last time we spent some time praying to God, sharing our lives with Him? It is always a good time to spend some time with God in prayer, sharing our lives with Him. God loves us so much and cares for us more than we can even imagine. So why not spend some time today with a call to heaven in prayer. God is waiting to listen.

Object lesson: show the you tube video ESPN Sports Center commercial with Ozzie Guillen

