

## ONE MINUTE MESSAGE

### GETTING IN POSITION. *Isaiah 6:8*

My football career was less than impressive. I never actually started a game, but I did learn a secret about getting to play: The coach will sometimes send in the guy standing closest to him. It happens, for example, when someone has just been dragged off the field and he needs someone ... *anyone...* to fill a spot.



I learned that if I was close enough at the right moment, my eyes glued to his, he just might choose me. And it worked sometimes—certainly more than sulking on the bench. This is why, during the course of my single season, I entered the game as an offensive lineman, a wide receiver, and a safety, even though I never practiced in these positions. I usually didn't know exactly what I was expected to do, but at least I was on the field.

There's a principle here to remember: As Dwight L. Moody once said, "God always uses the man closest to him." Unlike my junior high coach, God isn't easily distracted and he doesn't send us anywhere unprepared. But he does use those who are eager to get into the game. That's why I want to make a habit of getting in God's way, so to speak, so that when he's ready to use someone, he sees me first. I want always to be in a position where God can do something with my life.

This is the attitude seen in the prophet Isaiah. He heard the voice of God saying, "*Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?*" Isaiah responded, "*Here am I. Send me!*"

God is asking the same question today: "Whom shall I send?" He's looking for those who are ready to be used in a great way. When he's searching the sidelines for someone to take the field, I want to be standing close to him.

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