

Wednesday Word 11/5/2025

**Ezekiel 38:7** *“Be ready and keep ready, you and all your hosts that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them.”*

I have been following baseball since I was very young. When I was a young boy, I would listen to every Seattle Mariners game on the radio each night in my backyard. I loved the excitement, the sounds and the history. This year I was very hopeful for the team, but we fell just short of our first World Series appearance. It was heartbreaking to say the least.

I followed the World Series very closely anyway and as the series unfolded it became more fascinating. Although I am not a Fan of either team (for very valid reasons I will discuss later) I was impressed by the play and strategy both teams displayed. The series led to a climactic game 7 that was nothing short of spectacular.

In the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> inning with the bases loaded and the Blue Jays 90 feet away from winning the game. The batter grounds a ball to second baseman who throws home to get the out. The runner on third missed beating the throw by about 3 inches and he was called out. It was baseball poetry at its finest and the game continued until the Dodgers eventually won the contest and ultimately the series.

After analyzing the play, it was discovered that the runner at third base did not lead off the base enough. If he had taken a lead from the base just a few feet longer, he would have scored easy, and the Blue Jays would have been World Series Winners. Instead, they watched the Dodgers celebrate on their home field.

As followers of Jesus, it is so important that we understand the spiritual situation happening around us and that we remain prepared, steadfast and ready to complete the task that God has for us. We must always remain ready. This will look different for each of us as our lives have different patterns and situation, but the goal is the same: To share the good news of Jesus and expand the Kingdom of God into our circles of influence.

We need to remain ready to discuss Biblical facts and history with a skeptical family member, we need to be ready to show love and support to a friend in poor health or Spirits, we need to be ready to pray for our city, state and nation when situations become bleak and dark.

God has called us to be ready. Let's consider and pray through these thoughts this week!

I love you and God loves you!

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