

Reliability

When you think of baseball player Cal Ripkin, everyone thinks of Mr. Reliability. Ripkin played his entire career with the Baltimore Orioles and played over 2500 consecutive baseball games. Day in and day out, he was on the field regardless of any injuries he may have suffering. But he was not in the line-up just to set a record, but because he was a great player. The Orioles knew they can count on Mr. Reliability, Cal Ripkin.

In the Old Testament, Joseph (the one with the coat of many colors), could be described as Mr. Reliability. Throughout his life, he had people trying to hurt him, get him in trouble, and even kill him. Throughout all of his ordeals, he never lost faith in God and continued to be obedient at all times. Whomever he worked for, he worked his hardest to please God even if he was in terrible conditions. Finally, when he reached a position of power in Egypt, he was used of God to save his own family during a time of famine.. When reunited with his family, he didn't take advantage of his power, but understood God's purposes.

Because he was so reliable, God knew that Joseph could withstand difficult circumstances to be used for a very specific purpose. Joseph stated that in Genesis 50:19-20 when he spoke to his family, **“Do not be afraid, for I am in God's place. And as for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.”**

So, are you Mr. Reliability for your team? Can your team count on you even if things aren't going well? Think of Joseph!