



Quick Discussion

“Do not let your flaws get in the way”

Media – Story of J Mac – An Autistic Basketball Star

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngzyhmkT_jY

If link does not work, search for the J Mac Story on YouTube or find an article online.

Age Level – Jr. High or High School

Brief

This video is a clip of a story of an Autistic boy by the name of Jason McElwain. He was a huge basketball fan that did not make the Jr. Varsity team. He was given a shot to play a short while at their last game of the season and blew the crowd away by scoring 20 points in the last four minutes, nineteen seconds of the game.

Transitional Thought

J Mac was a young man that did not let his differences or shortcomings get in the way of his dream. He never doubted his ability to play, and waited patiently to use his gifts. J Mac is a great example of someone who did what others thought he was unable to do.

Discussion Questions

1. What is one thing that sticks out to you from the video clip?
2. Have you ever been turned down for something you thought you should be able to do? Explain. How did you handle it?
3. What is one quality of J Mac that you wish you had?
4. Why do you think J Mac was so popular? Do you think it was just that evening or every day that he received that much attention?
5. What can we take away from this story and from who J Mac was?
6. What is one thing you would like to do that you feel you are unable to do now because of money, where you live, etc?

Closing Prayer

Lord God, giver of all good gifts, thank you for the gifts that you have given us and place you have put us in. Help us to be thankful for what we have and to see ourselves the way that You see us. You made us in Your image and call us to do great things. Let us not dwell on our weaknesses, but accept them. Each day you call us to be holy and humble servants. Let us not judge people for their weaknesses, but let us see the beauty in them. We ask this through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

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