

Don't Count Me Out

896 BC - King of Aram (Syria) was at war against Israel.

- This is the same Israel at the center of global opposition today. A small seemingly insignificant country.
- The same Israel surrounded today by enemies on every side.
- The same Israel the world has been trying to destroy and wipe completely off the map since God first called them a people and spoke His covenant over them.
- God's chosen people! Jerusalem is the City of God!
- Elisha keeps telling the King of Israel the plans of the Syrian Army as if he was listening to the King's most private conversations
- **II Kings 6:14-17** –
14 So one night the king of Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city.
15 When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. “Oh, sir, what will we do now?” the young man cried to Elisha.

16 “Don’t be afraid!” Elisha told him. “For there are more on our side than on theirs!” 17 Then Elisha prayed, “O Lord, open his eyes and let him see!” The Lord opened the young man’s eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire.

Prayer: I pray Lord today that you open the eyes of every person here today are opened to see you and to know that you are for them and greater than anything they will ever face in their life.

Counted Out:

- Remember a time the **Chips Stacked Against You**
 - Odds of winning are slim
 - 4 ½ Years of Marriage were tough. The odds didn’t look very good.
 - Sickness and Disease
 - Pastor Casey Treat – Hepatitis C
 - Pastor Wendy Treat – Throat Cancer
 - You came from a home of dysfunction or abuse
 - Pam Tebow mother of Tim Tebow: Drs. Advised her that she could die if she didn’t abort her baby. One of the winningest college quarterbacks of all-time. 3 National Titles and Heisman Trophy.

Look at the person next to you and say, “**Don’t Count Me Out!**”

Seahawks Defy The Odds:

- Wilson's QBR of 13.6 is the **lowest by a starting quarterback** in a postseason win in the 97 postseason games for which we have QBR data (starting in 2006)
- Fake Field Goal -
- Odds of Onside Kick – 19.7% of the time
- 2 Pt. Conversion – 40% of the time
- Coin Flip in overtime – 50% of the time
- 5:13 - .7% - Wilson Interception
 - 7 in 1,000
- 3:07 - .1% - Incomplete Pass to Jermaine Kearse
 - 1 in 1,000
 - 99.9% Chance of Losing The Game

Wilson To Kearse:

- 4 Interceptions – All intended for Kearse
- Russell Wilson told the coaches He was going to hit Jermaine Kearse for a touchdown.
 - Kept Believing in each other!
- Win % went up to 100% after Wilson threw a 35 Yard Touchdown Pass to Jermaine Kearse in Overtime to win the NFC Championship!
 - Seahawks going to Superbowl
- Kearse – 1 Reception in the game for 35 Yards...The Game Winner

How do you win a game with a 99.9% chance of losing?

- **Dumb and Dumber Clip!** –
So You're Saying There's A Chance!

- Jermaine Kearse said “We just kept on believing!”
- Byron Maxwell said “It can’t be explained – It’s got to be God!”

God will give you Improbable Victories if you just give Him the Glory!

- Russell Wilson: “God is too good all the time man!” (Erin Andrews - Fox)
- JERMAINE KEARSE: Well, that was interesting. I mean, first and foremost I want to thank God, just being able to put me in the position I was able to be put in, and even though I had a rough start, a rough game early on, letting some opportunities get away from me, he stuck with me and he gave me another opportunity to make a play for my team to possibly win the game, and I’m just thankful for him.
- JERMAINE KEARSE: No, I never doubt myself. I just kept faith in God and that he had a plan for me. Sometimes things don’t go your way, and you’ve just got to keep pushing forward.

It is God’s Desire to prove Himself strong on behalf of anyone who’s desire is to give Him glory on this earth!

- If you want to Shine for God...He will shine through you!

God Will Never Walk Out On You!!

Some Seahawk fans left game early!

Can’t fault them...poor guy from Belfair, WA!

- I know it looks hopeless...but hold on to your hope. Don't leave your seats...this is when it starts to get good. Don't turn that tv off...you're gonna want see this...you're gonna wanna make some noise!

But God will never walk out on you! He won't get sick of you or disgusted. He won't grow weary of you!

- **Deuteronomy 31:8** – Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.”
- He will never leave you or forsake you, forget about you!

God's Love is Relentless!

God never gives up on you!! He will never stop pursuing you! Ever!!!!

- **Mark 5:1-20** – God's sends His Love to Free the tormented man!

5 So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes. **2** When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from a cemetery to meet him. **3** This man lived among the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain. **4** Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No

one was strong enough to subdue him. 5 Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones.

6 When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him.

7 With a shriek, he screamed, "Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don't torture me!" 8 For Jesus had already said to the spirit, "Come out of the man, you evil spirit."

9 Then Jesus demanded, "What is your name?"

And he replied, "My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man." 10 Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place.

11 There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby. 12 "Send us into those pigs," the spirits begged. "Let us enter them."

13 So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of about 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water.

14 The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened. 15 A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid. 16 Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs. 17 And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone.

18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. 19 But Jesus said, “No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.” 20 So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns^[c] of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.

Your Win % goes up to 100% the moment you accept Christ into your life! You can never lose!!

- If Legions are against you
- God Defeats the Devil just by loving you!!
- Every enemy in your life is permanently defeated by the power of **God's love**
- No weapon formed against you shall prosper!
- **Romans 8: 35-39** –
35 Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? 36 (As the Scriptures say, “For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.”) 37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.
38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for

today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. **39** No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God’s Love is Life Changing

Say, “**Don’t Count Me Out!**”

Say, “**God Loves Me!**”

Look at the person next to you and say, “**God Loves You!! You will never be counted out!**”

- If God is For You Who Can Be Against You?
- Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world!

Don’t Count Me Out!

“Don’t count me out!!” – Look at person next to you and say...

I may be a little short...but don’t count me out.

I know I don’t look like much...much don’t count me out.

It may look like I’m losing right now...but don’t count me out!

Lord Open their eyes that they may see....Greater are they that are for us than they that are against us!

Don't count us out!!