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樂樂棒球

因靠耶和華而得的喜樂是你們的力量。——尼希米記 8：10

發明樂樂棒球的人真是一位天才，因為運動場上的每個孩子在出局以前，都有機會擊球，體驗這項運動的樂趣。

在樂樂棒球運動中，棒球被放在橡膠打擊座上，大約是5、6歲打擊手腰部的高度，打擊手揮棒擊中球後就快跑。在我首次擔任教練的那晚，第一位打擊手將球擊到外野時，所有的選手都一窩蜂地跑去追球，卻忘記應該守在自己的崗位上。當其中一人接到球時，內野竟然無人可傳球！所有的球員都聚在一起，興奮地歡呼起來！

那些剛接受耶穌為救主的初信者也經歷著類似的興奮之情。我們與他們同樂，天堂的天使也為他們歡呼！（路加福音 15：7）初信者沉浸於主愛，因認識祂並學習祂的話語而興奮莫名。

那些信主已久的人往往因基督徒生活所面對的掙扎而沮喪，似乎忘了初信時的喜樂。上帝要使用初信者激勵我們再度委身於主。讓我們把握機會與那些初信者同樂吧！

我靈歡欣，罪債付清，我心罪愆，祂全洗淨；全因救主，捨身流血，我被贖回，罪債付清。「求祢使我仍得救恩之樂。」——詩篇 51：12



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T-Ball Faith

The joy of the Lord is your strength. —Nehemiah 8:10

Whoever dreamed up T-ball is a genius: Every kid on the field gets a taste of the fun and joy of the game before they taste the disappointment of striking out.

In T-ball, a baseball is placed on a rubber tee about waist-high to the 5- and 6-year-old batters. Players swing until they hit the ball and then run. On my first night as a coach, the very first batter hit the ball far into the outfield. Suddenly every player from every position ran to get the ball instead of staying where they were supposed to. When one of them reached it, there was nobody left in the infield for him to throw it to! All the players were standing together—cheering with unrestrained exuberance!

Those who have recently come to know Jesus as Savior have an unrestrained joy that is a delight to be around as well. We rejoice with them, and so do the angels in heaven! (Luke 15:7). New Christians are in love with God and excited about knowing Him and learning from His Word.

Those who've been Christians for a long time may get discouraged with the struggles of the Christian life and forget the joy of new-found faith. So take the opportunity to rejoice with those who've come to faith. God can use them to inspire you to renew your own commitment to Jesus.

**Rejoice, O soul, your debt is paid,
For all your sins on Christ were laid;
We've been redeemed, we're justified—
And all because the Savior died.**

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. —Psalm 51:12

