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One of the things that I really enjoy about watching movies is thinking about the classic theme or finding a scene or statement in it that can be used for a spiritual lesson. The movie "Cool Runnings" is a comedy that has a powerful message of commitment and teamwork in the face of tremendous adversity. The Jamaican bobsled team did not even have snow in their homeland to practice with, but they were fueled with desire to win a gold medal in the Olympics for themselves and their country.

The coach had been an Olympic bobsledder from the United States, and he had been caught cheating and had his medals taken away. At a critical point in the movie one of the bobsled team members asked him why he had done it. In the ensuing discussion, the coach, played by John Candy, said something very profound. In talking about the importance of the gold medal, he said, "If you aren't enough without it, you won't be enough with it." I think that this is so true about many things in life.

For instance, in the place of "gold medal" we could substitute: Scout Eagle Award, doctorate degree, red sports car, \$100,000 home, or even some other person. We must not depend on such things to make us what we are. It must come from deep within the heart.

When I think of an example, I think of Job. Remember that God bragged to Satan about the faithfulness of Job. God essentially said that Job was enough without his children or his great wealth. And Job proved him to be true. Job never really wavered, even though he wondered why these losses had happened to him. Whether he had everything or nothing, he was true to himself and true to God.

Paul claimed this same ability. He was enough with or without, as we read in Phillipians 4:11-12:

*I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.*

The ultimate example, of course, is always Jesus. He was enough wherever he was, with whatever he had. As he once said, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." (Matthew 8:20). Christ didn't need power over people or wealth or fame to be enough. In Phillipians 2:5-8 we read how that Christ did not think equality with God something to be grasped but made himself nothing and humbled himself to become a man. In other words, He was enough without the glory that was due him. No matter that all was taken away from him and He suffered for all of mankind.

We can still be enough and strive to be better, setting goals for our lives and working to grow in character. Even though we are enough we must realize that we are not totally self-complete; we still need God. But we know what the real meaning of our life is. We know that neither money nor fame will make us anything more. When you are enough you do things for the right reason, not because of what others think. You are enough when you do things from the heart, when that heart is filled with God.

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