

Thought for the week from

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1 Peter 5 v 7: Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares for you.

Underdogs

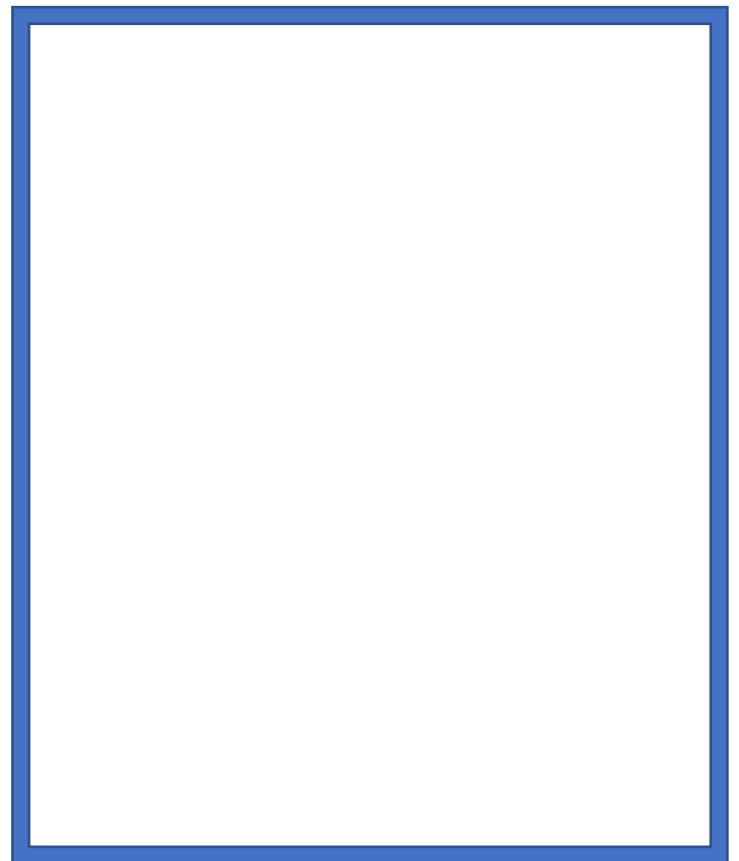
The dictionary defines an 'Underdog' as "a person or team thought to have little chance of winning".

This week our stories have all been about people who, on the face of it, were expected not to do all that well. What do you think it was that changed their situations?

Which was your favourite Bible story this week?
Maybe you might want to draw a picture of it
here ...



Think of other 'Underdog' stories you might know – they might be real people/teams (think Susan Boyle from Britain's Got Talent, Leicester City FC in 2015/16) or from books/films (Stanley Lambchop – Flat Stanley; Frodo Baggins – The Lord of The Rings; Charlie Bucket – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; Hiccup – How To Train Your Dragon). Can you explain why stories like these are the kind of stories we often like to read or hear?



Maybe you would like to say this prayer:

Thank you, God, that you use all different types of people to do amazing things, and that no one is unusable! Please help me to encourage other people to do their best, and to ask you for help when I am feeling 'Underdog-ish'.
In Jesus' name, Amen

Can you think of a time you felt like the underdog?

Who encouraged you? Who helped you?

The story of M _ _ _ _

His mother kept him safe by putting him in a basket in the river. He was found by the Pharaoh's daughter and brought up as a prince but when he got older he didn't like how the Egyptians were treating the Hebrews and ended up having to run away.

As a grown man God came and spoke to him through a bush in the desert which looked as though it was on fire, but wasn't burning up.

M_ _ _ _ became the leader of the Hebrews and showed the people how to follow God – he became one of the most well known leaders of God's people ever, even though he started being rescued from a river.

You can read more of his story in Exodus, and Deuteronomy in the Bible.

The story of G _ _ _ _

He didn't think he was very important but God used him to win an incredible battle against the Midianite army, using torches, jars and trumpets... and God's wisdom!

You can read more of his story in Judges chapters 6 – 8 in the Bible.

The story of D _ _ _ _

He was the youngest of 7 brothers who was anointed King because God looks at the heart of people, not their outward appearance. He fought Goliath and helped the Israelite army to win a great battle despite being small – he trusted that God had given him what he needed to win.

You can read more of these 2 parts of his story in 1 Samuel chapter 16 and 17 in the Bible, and lots more about D _ _ _ _ as King in the book of 2 Samuel. He also wrote lots of the Psalms.

The story of D _ _ _ _ _

He was a Jew who had been taken in to exile in Babylon. He became a trusted advisor of the king, but continued to worship God. When the law was passed that people must only worship the king he continued to trust and worship God and that meant he got thrown into the lions' den! Arrrrgghh! He continued to ask God for help and God kept him safe from the lions, phew!

You can read more of this part of his story in Daniel chapter 6 in the Bible.

The story of P _ _ _ _ _

He was a fisherman who became one of Jesus' disciples. He often acted first and thought later but Jesus kept reminding him how much he loved him and that he could still be used by God to tell other people the story of Jesus.

You can read about what he and the other disciples got up to in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Acts in the Bible.