

SHARPEN THE POINT

For further study of the message.

B-Team | Part 1

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God is the God of the B-team. Eliezer (see Genesis 24:11-12) is easily overlooked in the Old Testament. So is Lazarus in the New Testament. But they both are a part of God's story. Begin your study by reading Acts 16:19-31.

God knows you, and you are a part of His story. Eliezer, we know from Genesis 15:1-6, was Abraham's servant. But in Genesis 24:11-12 his name does not appear. He was faithful to a story in which he was written out. When and how have you felt written out?

In today's lesson from Luke, Lazarus lacked basic needs and was racked with pain, unlike the rich man who had more than enough of everything. But he was selfish, hard-hearted and completely wrote out Lazarus. Who may you have written out through lack of compassion hard-heartedness and/or disinterest?

Jesus was also on the B-team in terms of not being the person people were expecting. He died a criminal's death. But, *His is the never-ending story!* He consistently uses the weak to shame the strong and stands on the side of the oppressed. Have you faith to believe you do have a place on the B-team?

*"So those who are last now will be first then,
and those who are first will be last."*

Matthew 20:16