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A Weekly Devotional from the  
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## Foul Ball!

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**H**is name is Steve Bartman. Name doesn't ring a bell? Well, what if I gave you a couple hints? Game 6...Foul Ball...Cubs Fan. Now you know who I'm talking about. Last week, this 26 year old's life took a dramatic change for the worse. Because he unintentionally interfered with the catching of a foul ball, this young man has been forced to spend the last week of his life in hiding. Many Cubs fans blame him for the Cubs loss and several out of control fans literally want him dead.

Personally, I feel terrible for the guy. I too, wanted the Cubs to win. But this whole incident has reminded me of how warped people's values sometimes are. This was a game, just a game. Threaten a man's life because of a game? Threaten a man's life and his family's life because of a foul ball? Ridiculous!

But sports aren't the only arena in which one can witness warped values and priorities. What about Christianity? Our eternal destiny, whether it be in Heaven and Hell, hangs in the balance. But instead of focusing our energy in that all important matter, we give little attention to spiritual development, and get wrapped up in relatively trivial matters such as earning money, entertaining ourselves, the label on our clothes, the style of car we drive, the size of our house, and a host of other equally trivial matters.

Friends, if you're disgusted that a man's life is in jeopardy for deflecting a foul ball, you should be. That's crazy! But make sure that you take a good look at your life and make sure you're equally disgusted by one's eternal life being in jeopardy for matters that are equally as trivial as a foul ball.