



When you mention a defensive back in professional football you probably think of someone who stands 6'1" tall and weighs more than 200 pounds. But that's not always the case. I was 5'9" tall and weighed 180 pounds, yet had the privilege of playing pro football for three years as a defensive back.

At an early age I started setting athletic goals and achieving many of them, but was still left feeling empty. I started to look around and ask, "What else is there?"

As an old friend began to share with me about his relationship with Jesus Christ, I could see how real it was to him. We planned to spend more time together, but unfortunately he was killed in a car accident before we had a chance to meet again.

For the first time in my life I considered that a relationship with Jesus Christ might be what I was missing. Everything I was doing now had no meaning, and I certainly wasn't finding fulfillment in football.

Later that summer I attended a Fellowship of Christian Athletes conference, going with the idea of meeting a lot of professional athletes. As I heard various testimonies I began to understand who Jesus was and what He had done for me. I thought I was basically a good person, but I was still a sinner, as the Bible says, "for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

The last night of the conference, alone in my room, I prayed and asked Jesus Christ to come into my life and forgive me of my sins. I wanted Him as Savior and Lord of my life. Over the next few years the Lord brought people into my life that helped me learn more about the Christian life and that God has a plan for each of His kids. One thing I continually faced as a player was my size and I knew that it was going to take more than desire to overcome that issue. God would provide.

He has a unique way of unveiling His plan for each of us as His children. In 1977 I made the roster with the Detroit Lions, only to be released after the second game of the regular season. Three weeks later, the Denver Broncos called and toward the end of the season I was signed and played during the championship run, including Super Bowl XII.

I am currently the Vice President of Ministry Relationships for the K-LOVE/Air1 Foundation, which is a division of the K-LOVE and Air1 radio networks. I never anticipated that God would one day use me in full-time ministry, but He is faithful to those who seek Him and will use us if we are willing.

The Bible says that "He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6). If you want to know more about the message of God's love and saving grace, please contact me.

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