

Closing the Gap:

Where am I? Where do I want to be?



I. Playing the odds

Heb. 11:17-19 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.



Gen. 22:5 He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."



-There is a cost and a risk in obedience-

"Will I get ripped off?"

-There is a cost and a risk in disobedience-



II. Seeing the invisible Hebrews 11:20-31

"By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible."



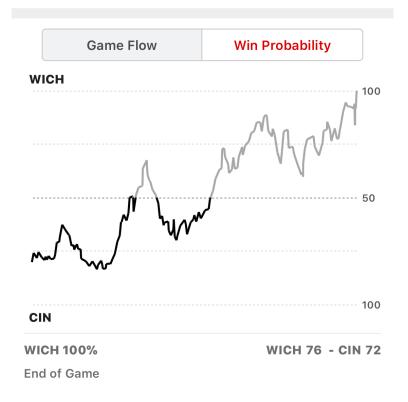
"Thank you"



The odds did not look good...



Full Box Score















2 Cor. 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.



III. Faith's bedrock Heb. 11:32-40



"Hall of the sometimes faithful"



Key = God's Faithfulness

Key ≠ **Human** faith



Heb. 11:39-40 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.



Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:17