

Eric Liddell – making hard choices

Eric Liddell was an athlete. He was an exceptional runner who held the record for 100m and trained to take part in the Olympic Games to be held in Paris in 1924. However, this race was timetabled for a Sunday. Eric Liddell was a Christian and he refused to take part. Some people were very angry and thought that he was letting down his country as he had a good chance of winning and gaining a gold medal. A film 'Chariots of Fire' was made about these events. (Here is a link to compilation of clips set to the theme:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CSav51fVIKU>)

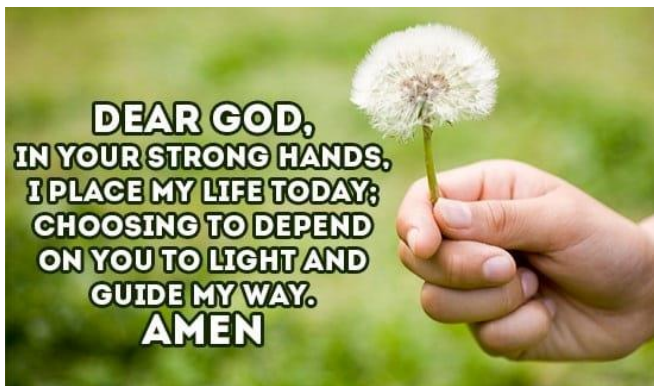
Watch this short clip about him and think about his choices. How does he show humility?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMQ1yp9tpTc>

Think:

- What would you have done? Did he make the right decisions?
- There will be times in your life when you have to make choices that are difficult and some people may not agree with you.
- Are you strong enough to stand up for what you believe in?
- Eric Liddell is remembered for standing up for his faith. He was being a light for the world. What would you like to be remembered for?

Prayer / silent reflection and response:



Sing: This little light of mine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCN893hzueQ>

For fun: Watch Mr Bean help to play the theme from the film from the performance at the opening of the Olympic games when they were held in London. There is some footage from the opening sequence of the film, but an extra runner is doing his best to cheat!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CwzjlmBLfrQ>