



Major League Prayer Reminder

Cast: Tom
Dave

Scene: Two fathers at their sons' baseball game. Each has a hand-held computer or a day planner.

(Dave is seated, watching the game. Tom enters and sits next to him.)

Tom: Hi, Dave! What's the score?

Dave: 3-1. We're up by two.

Tom: Great! Well, I see my son. *(Looks out over the field)* Is Johnny playing today?

Dave: Yes, he's out there. *(points)* Look **way** over there in left field. See him over there walking in circles?

(Calls) Johnny! Focus, Son, focus! *(Sits down, pulls out hand-held computer, and begins entering items.)*

Tom: Oh, I see him now! *(Notices Dave)* What are you doing there?

Dave: Well, I'm here to watch Johnny play, but there isn't much happening right now. I figured this was a good time to go over my schedule for the week.

Tom: Good idea! *(Pulls out his own planner)* Aren't these things great? I don't know how we survived before they were invented.

Dave: Between work, church activities, and Jill and the kids, this is about the only way I can keep my life in order!

Tom: I hear you!

Dave: *(Thinking out loud)* Monday—8:30 a.m.—staff meeting; 10 a.m.—dentist appointment; 11:30—working lunch with Ron; 2 p.m.—sales meeting....I have to find sometime to squeeze in prayer.

Tom: I usually spend some time in prayer before the kids get up in the morning. It's quiet then, and I can focus better.

Dave: *(Looks outfield, sighs, shakes head, and calls)*

Johnny, look alive out there! You can't catch the ball when you're lying on the ground!

(Turns back to Tom) Praying early in the morning doesn't work for me. I'm not a morning person; and the idea is to spend **quality** time in prayer...

Tom: Mind if I take a look? *(Dave hands him the planner)* How long will your dentist appointment take?

Dave: Oh, probably 45 minutes to an hour.

Tom: Well, you have an hour and 15 minutes scheduled. Plug in prayer during that time.

Dave: Hey, thanks! Now, I need a reminder note to pray specifically for the 10/40 Window.

Tom: The 10/40 window? Is that what you call it? *(Laughs and pats Dave on the back)* Well, I'm joining you on that one! Why is it so difficult for my wife to remember that the car needs an oil change every 3,000 miles?!

Dave: *(Laughs)* No, not 10W40 oil. I'm talking about the 10/40 Window that *(local NMI president's name)* referred to during the missions service on Sunday.

Tom: I was on nursery duty Sunday....So the 10/40 Window has nothing to do with cars?

Dave: No. The 10/40 Window is an area 10 to 40 degrees north of the equator that covers most of northern Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

Tom: *(Looks up quickly, shouts, and applauds)* Good job, Travis! Watch for those grounders!

(Turns back to Dave) So, why are we praying for that area?

Dave: That's where the core of the world's unreached people live. Most of the world's Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists live there—literally billions of people who don't know Christ.

Tom: Wow! I didn't know that. I should be praying too. Let's see, I'll set an alarm to remind me to pray for the 10/40 Window.

Dave: Set an alarm? You mean it will actually beep at you?

Tom: Sure! Watch this...*(The two exit talking.)*

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