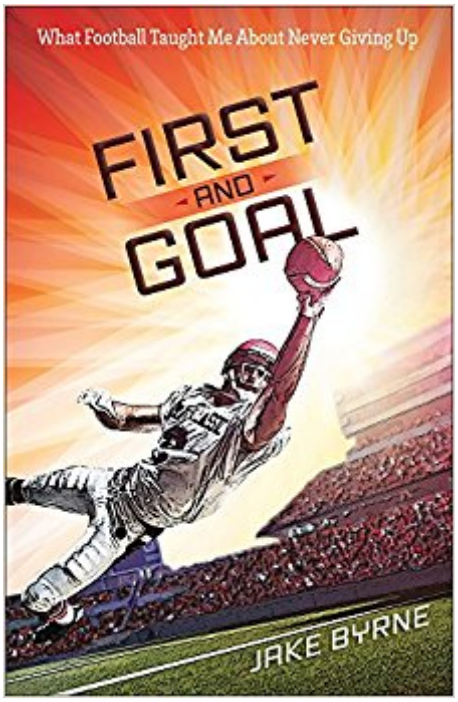
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Synopsis

Jake Byrne dreamed of playing professional football. He had the size, the talent, the drive...but at age 14, he found out he also had type 1 diabetes.Still, Jake was determined to reach his goal. And God was determined to guide and empower him all along the way.Jake’s journey to the NFL is the backdrop for this collection of inspiring devotions based on nearly a hundred football terms. Jake takes you to the weight room, practice field, and even across the goal line. You’ll feel as if you’re lined up next to him, facing a very large defender you’re about to take down. He also includes Scripture and then ties up each story in a way that feels real and encouraging. You’ll discover...what to do when God calls an audible in your lifehow to respond when God puts you on special teamswhy prayer is never an incomplete passThese quick daily readings will help you press through your own difficulties and experience God’s dream for you.

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"As a football fan, I thoroughly enjoyed reading Jake’s behind-the-scenes look at life in the NFL. But even better, I think First and Goal: What Football Taught Me about Never Giving Up will be a helpful devotional for all teens, showing them how to integrate faith and life, and inspiring them to persevere through all of life’s challenges." Ã¢â ¬â •Josh Kelley, pastor and author of Radically Normal"As the mother of a high school receiver, I’m thrilled to have found this perfect blend of faith and football targeted to reach the heart of my son. The readings are short enough to keep his attention while still giving him plenty to think about as he heads out the door to practice. Jake Byrne’s honesty about his personal struggles balancing life, football, and diabetes give hope to

others navigating the rough waters of life. While we can all learn from the lessons Jake shares, First and Goal is the perfect inspiration for teenaged boys like mine." Ã¢â ¬â •Candee Fick"The book is so inspirational to my son who has type 1 diabetes, like Jake. Even for someone without type 1 diabetes, the book is great and the stories are so enjoyable." Ã¢â ¬â •Therese Balistrieri

Jake Byrne has battled with type 1 diabetes since a young teen and has since been proactive combating the disease and mentoring diabetic youth. He played football for the University of Wisconsin as a tight end and went on to compete in the NFL. Originally with the New Orleans Saints in 2012, Jake has also been a Houston Texan, Kansas City Chief, and San Diego Charger.

Loved this book ! I hear a lot of people say "why did God do this to me"? But not Jake, he he seemed to praise God with this disease, jus how Jesus didn’t want to die on the cross, but accepted and didn’t even blame the people that did this to him. Incredible story of a young boy growing in his faith. So well written couldn’t put it down. Ordered more of this book to give to my friends! First book I have read that made me laugh, cry, strengthen my faith, and want to read over and over again!

Great devotional book, I think especially for young adults . . . although I find wisdom in his vignettes, and I am in my 60s. Jake uses his football experiences and artfully melds them into life-lessons, tying both with Scriptural insights. I think this will make a great gift for that young person in your life. Wouldn’t be bad for their parents, either.

I loved this book! Very inspirational. I bought this book to hopefully lift my son’s spirits and help him realize that a T1 diagnosis did not mean he needs to give up his dreams. Jake is wonderful at using scripture to relate to his real life stories! This book is a great read for any teenager thinking of giving up their dreams.

Sounded like a great book for preteen and early teen grandsons.

A great story..

My son is a newly diagnosed type 1 and struggling some with diagnosis.He is 12 and plays lots of sports.He loved this book and read it every night and described all of it to me and said he loved it.Thanks for a great inspirational book!!

An inspiration for any sports fan! As the mom of a teenage football player with type 1 diabetes, this book has been a favorite! As a mom with a teenage boy exploring his spirituality, this book has been encouraging without being overpowering. A great read!

I bought this book for my 16 yr old son with T1D. I ended up reading it in one day before I gave it to him. It is very inspiring and motivating for anyone but especially for T1D's and families.

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