

# *The Pawn*

*It's just a game, you're in it all the way  
It's just a game, don't let yourself slip away  
It's such a shame, I heard somebody say  
It's just a game, and all I can do is play*

Chess is a two-player strategy board game played by millions of people worldwide. Each player begins with 16 pieces: one king, one queen, two rooks, two knights, two bishops, and eight pawns. Each of the six piece types moves differently, with the most powerful being the queen and the least powerful the pawn. The objective is to checkmate the opponent's king by placing it under an inescapable threat of capture. To this end, a player's pieces are used to attack and capture the opponent's pieces, while supporting each other.

Out of all the pieces the least of these is the pawn. The pawn is usually used to gain an advantage for the other pieces and then sacrificed. You should also know that unless a pawn is attacking another piece making one diagonal move, it can only move forward. In the game of life you can feel like the pawn. Constantly moved around, sacrificed, and then discarded. There is so much thinking involved. Every move or decision must be made after much prayer, planning, strategy, and tactic because remember that you always have an opponent who has plans for your downfall. As the bible says, do not be ignorant of your enemy's devices. It doesn't take much for Satan to gain the advantage over you (1 Peter 5:8-9).

God's Word will last forever - everything else will disappear. This is true whether the devil or mankind believes it or not. The only reason the enemy still exists now is for the Lord's use as tools for our learning and growing in faith. God's plan is to erase them and the 'chess board' (the earth) permanently by fire (Matthew 25:41-46). The world and its evil desires will pass away but whoever does the will of God will live forever (1 John 2:15-17).

In light of this reality how should we live? Most of the things we work for or worry about won't matter in three weeks, let alone three months or three years. We focus on the trivial and forget to pursue the eternal. But 1,000 years from now, you'll still be glad you invested your life for Jesus Christ and in spreading the gospel. Life can be just a chess game. When Satan reminds you of your past, remind him of his future. Choose to be a pawn for Jesus and not a pawn of the world (Romans 12:2).

**Keep the Faith,**

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