

## Olympic Heights

Who got to watch some of the Olympics? Wasn't it great to see so many athletes who had trained so long and hard to compete?

I watched as the hurdlers ran and jumped over their hurdles knowing I couldn't jump that high. Then I saw the high jumpers, they were able to jump nearly 2m high. Unbelievable! I certainly couldn't jump that high. But still there was more! Wow, what about the pole vaulters. Using their poles they could jump to the huge height of nearly 6m. Boy, are they lucky they have thick mats to fall on!



It reminded me of a story I had read. What if God had said to us that what mattered was for each of us to jump up to touch the moon and then we would be saved? I might be able to jump maybe one metre. The Olympians could jump heaps higher than me, but could they ever reach the moon? Of course not. Does it help for them to boast that they could jump higher than me? No, their best effort is still laughable in terms of reaching the moon.

Actually God did not say jump to the moon... just to be perfect. Doesn't seem any easier to me.

Fortunately God did make it possible for us to be 'perfect' in His sight. He told us that we could be fully forgiven through Jesus. The Bible tells us about it in Romans chapter 3.

*"Since we have compiled this long and sorry record as sinners and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. he got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ." (Message)*

What do we have to do..... admit that we aren't perfect, ask God to forgive us and accept his gift of forgiveness. I pray that each Crossroads person may know deeply of how much God loves them.

Note: The book I referred to is "In the Grip of Grace", by Max Lucado