



Jackie Brown

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Scriptures for Mediation

Read I Corinthians 9:24-25

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.”

John 3:16

Critical Race Facts!

Narratives emerged after the lynching era blamed lynchings on a minority of Southern white extremists, but reports of the day clearly demonstrate that the participation in lynching was widespread among Southern whites. “Lynchings tended to be ordinary and respectable people, animated by a self-righteousness that justified their atrocities in the name of maintaining the social and racial order from which all white people benefitted.

Today’s Prayer:

Lord, thank you for the champion spirit that resides in us. Help us to discipline ourselves for your victory. In Jesus name, amen.

Jackie Brown was a native of Jonesville, North Carolina. He went to Palmetto State for college. He later matriculated at the University of South Carolina on baseball and football scholarships. Also, while there, he played basketball but made his greatest impact on the gridiron. He was the university’s first African American starter in football.

The University’s mascot is a gamecock. Jackie Brown led the Gamecocks as a receiver in football in the 1970, 1971, and 1972 football seasons. Jackie Brown burst through the color line late in the history books of the University of South Carolina by being the university’s first African American Varsity Letterman. In 1973, Jackie Brown was drafted by the Baltimore Colts but never played for the team. After college, he went on to become a missionary and an evangelist.

Jackie Brown will never be forgotten by his alma mater. Brown was honored in November 2013 in an event called Celebrating Pioneers and Embracing Change. He was recognized for being the first African American to play for the University of South Carolina’s Gamecocks. Jackie Brown died in 1994.

Questions to Ponder

Name some of your heroes and (s)heroes that prepared the way for you. How are you preparing the way for others?

