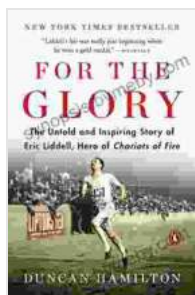


# The Untold and Inspiring Story of Eric Liddell, Hero of Chariots of Fire

Eric Liddell was a Scottish runner who won a gold medal in the 400-meter race at the 1924 Olympics. He was also a devout Christian who refused to run on Sundays, even though it meant sacrificing his chance to win another medal. Liddell's story is inspiring and reminds us that there are more important things in life than winning.

## Early Life and Career

Eric Liddell was born in China in 1902 to Scottish missionary parents. He showed an early talent for running and began competing in track and field events while still in school. After graduating from the University of Edinburgh, Liddell moved to England to train for the Olympics.



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Liddell quickly established himself as one of the world's top runners. He won the 100-yard dash at the 1923 British AAA Championships and the 220-yard dash at the 1924 AAA Championships. He also set a world record in the 440-yard dash.

## **The 1924 Olympics**

Liddell was one of the favorites to win the 400-meter race at the 1924 Olympics. He easily won his heat and semifinal, but he faced a difficult decision in the final. The final was scheduled to be held on a Sunday, and Liddell refused to run on that day because of his religious beliefs.

Liddell's decision caused a great deal of controversy. Many people believed that he was putting his religious beliefs above his country. However, Liddell stood firm in his decision and refused to compromise his faith.

In the end, Liddell did not run in the 400-meter final. He instead competed in the 200-meter race, which was not scheduled to be held on a Sunday. He finished fifth in the 200-meter race, but he won the hearts of many people with his courage and conviction.

## **Later Life and Legacy**

After the Olympics, Liddell returned to Scotland and continued to run competitively. He also worked as a teacher and a missionary. In 1945, he died of a brain tumor at the age of 43.

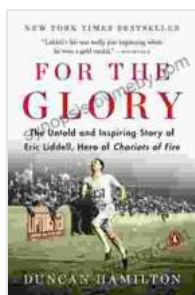
Liddell's legacy is one of courage, conviction, and faith. He was a man who lived his life according to his beliefs, even when it meant sacrificing his own success. Liddell's story is an inspiration to us all, and it reminds us that there are more important things in life than winning.

## Chariots of Fire

Liddell's story was told in the 1981 film Chariots of Fire. The film won four Academy Awards, including Best Picture. It is considered one of the greatest sports films ever made.



Chariots of Fire helped to introduce Liddell's story to a new generation. The film is a powerful and inspiring reminder of the importance of following your dreams and living your life according to your beliefs.



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