

Because of a Rat

Once in a while, great things happen for the strangest of reasons. With the baseball playoffs under way, I am reminded of just such a situation.

One of the classic baseball television shots comes from the 1975 World Series, in which NBC captured Carlton Fisk, jumping up and down, waving his arms, trying to coax his hit to stay fair. It did -- for a home run.

That colorful close-up would have been missed had the cameraman followed the ball with his camera, as was his responsibility. But the cameraman inside the Fenway Park scoreboard had one eye on a rat that was circling him. So instead of focusing the camera on the ball, he left it on Fisk.

Sometimes we encounter problems like that rat. They circle and intimidate us. We have no idea how they will be resolved, but because of them, we may see God work in a way we never would have without the problems.

--Beecher Hunter