

Put on a Platform

Alvin Dark, ardent Baptist, an all-American in football and a star baseball player at Louisiana State University, teamed up with John Underwood to write a delightful and disturbing account of his life under the arresting title: *When in Doubt, Fire the Manager*.

The reader will gain new insights into the game inappropriately called “the nation’s pastime.”

After years of solid performance with the Boston Braves and the New York Giants, where he was captain, he became a manager. Dark guided the San Francisco Giants, the Kansas City Athletics, the Cleveland Indians and the Oakland Athletics to a World Series championship. He also managed the San Diego Padres.

Despite his up-and-down career professionally and personally, this warm, open, born-again Christian says toward the end of his book:

Baseball is the platform God gave me. I think without a doubt I serve Him best in that field, just as others might as postmen or doctors (“gifts given according to the grace given to us,” Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans).

Dark is exactly right. Each of us is different because God made us that way, and He has a plan for our lives. In Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, associates have been equipped and called by Him to serve His children. That is our platform, and it offers great personal rewards.

--Beecher Hunter