

# Cedrick Brown Biography

Let me take a moment of your time and tell you a little about myself. First of all, my name is Cedrick Brown; that may ring-a-bell or it may not, but that's not the point.

I'm from Compton, California, a place that has been labeled "the gang capitol of the world."

As a boy I grew up watching Monday Night Football and Half-time Highlights with Howard Cosell. That's when it began, the dream of one day playing in the N.F.L.

So I began to make this dream happen: working out two sometimes, three times a day. I would run so much and so hard, on some occasions my friends would not run with me.

I made it to the next level; a college scholarship to Washington State University. During my stay there, something unforgettable happened to me. It was spring semester of my Junior year. I was in the Compton Union Building, coincidentally named the same as my home town. I was sitting there minding my own business when this guy I had never seen before or since, led me to Jesus.

Now, you must understand, I didn't know at all what was going on. I thought all I needed to do to get to heaven, was to join a church, get baptized and when I died; I would be there at one of those pearly gates we sang about back home in church. Little did I know that if I would have died before meeting this guy, the only gates I would have laid eyes on, would have been the gates of Hell!

I began with a luke warm walk (*Rev.3:16*) with Jesus that lasted up until my senior year, about the time of the N.F.L. draft. I wanted to get drafted so bad, I became very spiritual. All the way up to the last round of the draft, and I did not see or even hear my name called.

The next morning came and I received a call from the Philadelphia Eagles! They wanted to sign me as a free agent. I signed with the Eagles and made the team as a rookie. But then I pulled a hamstring. So, since I was still spiritually luke warm; I placed the blame on God.

After a successful two years and being titled one of “Buddy’s Boys’, I thought my career was headed only uphill. Little did I know I was slowly slipping into Buddy’s “Dog House”.

In August of my third year, I was called into the office of my position coach, Jeff Fisher. “Buddy feels he should let you go!” he continued and said, “You’re faster than anyone on the team, you cover man-to-man just as good or better than anyone, you know the system, you answer the call whenever you’re in the game and you’re a hard worker. Why shouldn’t you be here?” After my conversation with Jeff, I proceeded to Buddy’s office. He said, “I’ve told you many times before, you can play in this league (N.F.L.)”. I replied, “Well, tell me the problem so I can perfect my game”. He said the same thing again, “You can play in this league...” but this time he added, “But you can’t play for me!”

Fortunately, I had matured as a Christian, (become more Christ-like in my life and attitudes). God broke me, as a meek horse prepared for battle (*Galatians 5:22-23*). So, when I realized that something which was part of my life for fifteen years was over, I was ready to go through the fire (*Isaiah 43:2*).

This, of course, is not my entire life story; and yes, I had the opportunity to continue my career in the N.F.L. But I chose not to!

This short story of myself is not to puff up Cedrick Brown. But it’s to show you how God can take a short 5’9” guy like me from the city, place me in a college to be introduced to Jesus; take me to the N.F.L. and then call me out, all to change my life entirely.

Let me ask you, are you willing to let Jesus mold you, shape you, and make you into a perfect image of Himself? Are you willing to say no to sin?

As you may have noticed, success may only last a season. I’m here to tell you that only what you do for Jesus will last forever!

Are you ready to make a commitment to Jesus? If you are, repeat this prayer from your own heart:

*Father in Heaven, I recognize today that I am a sinner by nature (Romans 3:23). If I continue in this nature I am headed for eternal death. I make a 180 degree turn from sin today, and receive your precious gift, your only Son Jesus! (Romans 6:23*

*John 3:16). I believe the Bible's promise that if I confess Jesus as Lord and believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead, I will be saved. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus! Let me live with you forever! Amen!*

A few suggestions:

1. Get into a church that teaches the Bible as God's Word written. *(2Tim 2:15)*
2. Be baptized for an outward testimony of faith. *(Colossians 2:11-13)*
3. Read the Bible every day! Start with Jesus' life!