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Baseball Player 'Went to the Lord for Help' to Pitch in World Series

Enduring a serious right ankle injury, Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling credited God for enabling him to gut out Game 2 of the World Series this weekend. With blood staining his right stocking, the 37-year-old right-hander left after six innings of one-run, four-hit ball as the Red Sox defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, 6-2, Sunday night, the Associated Press (AP) reported.

Schilling pitched his second consecutive postseason game despite the ankle injury, which has plagued him for the last two weeks. Before the game, Schilling's torn tendon was stitched to his ankle for the second time.

"I did not think I was going to take the ball today because I didn't think I could," Schilling told the media after Game 2. " ... I did what I did last time: I went to the Lord for help, because I knew, again, I wasn't going to be able to do this myself."

Schilling also thanked Boston's team physician and medical personnel. "Regardless of what happens in my career, I'll never get a feeling like that ever again in my life like I had tonight," he said, the AP reported. "I wanted it for my teammates, I wanted to be able to glorify God's name when all was said and done."

A week ago in Yankee Stadium, the stitching procedure allowed Schilling to start Game 6 in New York, a game in which he pitched seven innings, helping the Red Sox come back from a 3-0 deficit to win the pennant and play in the World Series.

"Seven years ago I became a Christian, and tonight God did something amazing for me," Schilling said after beating the Yankees. "I knew that I wasn't going to be able to do this alone. And I prayed as hard as I could. I didn't pray to get a win or to make great pitches. I just prayed for the strength to go out there tonight and compete, and He gave me that. I can't explain to you what a feeling it was to be out there and to feel what I felt."

Boston leads the best-of-seven World Series series, 2-0, with the next three games in St. Louis beginning tonight. The Red Sox are trying to win their first championship since 1918, an 86-year drought.

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