



SETTING PERSONAL GOALS BY FAITH

PROVERBS 21:5, ROMANS 12:2, 2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

- **TRANSFORMED** is an 8-week journey that will help us become “transformed” in our lives and relationships as we access God’s direction, help and power.
- *“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”* (Romans 12:2)
- *“The Lord - who is the Spirit - makes us more and more like Jesus as we are transformed into His glorious image.”* (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- Our **TRANSFORMED** journey will be helped by: **1) Daily Reading/Studying God’s Word** (go to www.celebrationchurch.org/devotions for Journey Through The Bible Scripture readings and devotions), **2) Daily Prayer**, **3) Weekly Attending Celebration Services** (In-person or Online), and **4) Participating in a Life Group/Transformed Group** (go to www.celebrationchurch.org/ministries) or contact Campus Staff).
- **TRANSFORMED** will help us a lot in our present circumstances and relationships, but will also vastly improve our futures.
- *“The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.”* (Proverbs 21:5 NIV)
- To be “transformed” we have to have positive and powerful goals for our lives.

WHY ARE GOALS IMPORTANT TO CHANGING MY LIFE?

The Bible Teaches Us That:

- **GOAL-SETTING IS A SPIRITUAL RESPONSIBILITY**
 - Great people in the Bible and throughout history have had big goals for their lives.
 - Paul - *“I know that I am not yet what God wants me to be. I haven’t reached that goal, but I keep moving toward it to make it mine because Christ made me and saved me for this. I know that I haven’t yet reached my goal, but there’s one thing I always do. Forgetting the past and straining toward what is ahead, I keep my eyes focused on the goal so that I may one day win the prize that God has called me to receive through Christ in the life above. All of you who are spiritually mature should think this same way, too.”* (Philippians 3:12-15 NCV)

- We're going to go through life by design or default, and if we have goals for our lives we will experience much more of God's goodness in our lives.
- **GOALS ARE STATEMENTS OF FAITH**
 - A goal is a statement about what we believe God wants to do in and through our lives.
 - *"It is impossible to please God without faith."* (Hebrews 11:6)
 - *"God can do anything - far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams."* (Ephesians 3:20)
 - There are two common mistakes we make in goal setting - we set them too low and we try to accomplish them too quickly.
 - Dreaming doesn't cost us anything, but it can bring us great things.
 - It's good to have dreams, but goals are even better because goals are dreams with deadlines.
 - "Don't be afraid to go out on a limb, because that's where the fruit can be found." (Rick Warren)
 - Jesus - *"According to your faith will it be done to you."* (Matthew 9:29)
- **GOALS STREAMLINE OUR ENERGY**
 - Having goals keeps us from wasting time, money, reputation, energy - they help keep us focused.
 - Life is filled with distractions, so we have to fight to stay focused on what the Lord wants us to be and accomplish.
 - Paul - *"I do not run without a goal. I fight like a boxer who is hitting something - not just the air."* (1 Corinthians 9:26 NCV)
 - When we don't have goals for our lives we "run around in circles" in our lives.
- **GOALS STRENGTHEN OUR RESOLVE**
 - Having godly goals helps us to make it through the difficult times of life.
 - *"Because He never lost sight of where He was headed . . . Jesus could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now He's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God."* (Hebrews 12:2 Msg)
 - Job - *"I do not have the strength to endure. I do not have a goal that encourages me to carry on."* (Job 6:11)
 - Long term goals keep us from being discouraged with short term setbacks.
- **GOALS SHAPE OUR CHARACTER**
 - God is always more interested in our character than He is in our accomplishments.
 - *"The Lord - who is the Spirit - makes us more and more like Jesus as we are transformed into His glorious image."* (2 Corinthians 3:18)
 - The greatest benefit to our life is not the achievements we experience, but what happens inside us while we're moving toward our goals.
 - Paul - *"I keep striving toward the goal..."* (Philippians 3:12)
 - We will never become the person God intends for us to be unless we *intend* to become that person.
- **GOOD GOALS WILL BE REWARDED**

- Solomon - *“If your goals are good, you will be respected.”* (Proverbs 11:27 GNT)
- Paul - *“All athletes practice strict self-control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step.”* (1 Corinthians 9:25-26)
- **Good and godly goals will be rewarded here on earth and throughout eternity in Heaven.**

WHAT KIND OF GOAL DOES GOD BLESS?

The Bible Teaches Us That:

- **GOD BLESSES GOALS THAT BRING HIM HONOR**
 - Paul - *“God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.”* (1 Corinthians 6:20)
 - Paul - *“Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”* (1 Corinthians 10:31)
 - Paul - *“We make it our goal to please Him...”* (2 Corinthians 5:9 NIV)
- **GOD BLESSES GOALS THAT ARE MOTIVATED BY LOVE**
 - *“Everything you do must be done with love.”* (1 Corinthians 16:14)
 - *“Let love be your highest goal.”* (1 Corinthians 14:1)
 - **If our goals aren’t motivated by love, people become “projects” rather than partners in our lives.**
- **GOD BLESSES GOALS THAT REQUIRE DEPENDING ON HIM**
 - *“In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord determines our steps.”* (Proverbs 16:9)
 - **We Need God’s Spirit To Empower Us If We’re To Reach Our Goals**
 - *“You will not succeed by your own strength or power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord.”* (Zechariah 4:6 NCV)
 - **We Need God’s Word To Guide Us If We’re To Reach Our Goals**
 - *“Keep this Book of the Law on your lips. Recite it by day and by night, that you may carefully follow all that is written in it; THEN you will successfully attain your goal.”* (Joshua 1:8 NAB)
 - Go to www.celebrationchurch.org/devotions to participate in the Journey Through The Bible One Year Adventure.
 - **We Need God’s People To Support Us If We’re To Reach Our Goals**
 - *“A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.”* (Ecclesiastes 4:12)
 - Go to www.celebrationchurch.org/ministries to join a Life Group, or talk with some of the Campus Staff immediately following the service.
 - **This Week In LIFE GROUPS We Will Be Learning: 1) How to set personal goals in faith, and 2) the 3 secrets of achieving any goal.**
 - *“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.”* (Philippians 4:13)
- **TRANSFORMED is going to help us become much healthier emotionally, financially, mentally, physically, relationally, vocationally and spiritually, and equip us to become “transformers” in culture and communities.**
- **Who are some People that I need to invite to join this TRANSFORMED Spiritual Growth Emphasis with me?**

- ***What are some Goals that I need to establish for my life - physical, emotional, financial, relational, spiritual and vocational?***