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NEVER GIVE UP

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-15 (NAS)

TRUTH: In 2018, you will be transformed to look more like Jesus, or you will be pressed by the world into its mold.

I. THE POWER OF HOPE FOR LIFE CHANGE

TRUTH: The single most important attitude for your future is hope (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV).

INSIGHT: Our usual definition of hope isn't biblical.

TRUTH: Hope is like oxygen to the human spirit.

FOUR WORD DEFINITION OF HOPE: GOD IS IN CONTROL.

II. GOD'S PLAN OF GOAL SETTING FOR LIFE CHANGE, Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

INSIGHT: Goal setting is to be a mark of those who follow Christ (Philippians 3:12-14 Msg).

TRUTH: Either we set our own goals, or someone will set goals for us.

TRUTH: When your life is coasting, it's always going downhill!

INSIGHT: Goal setting is determining what's important to you as you understand God's leading in your life. Either you do it, or someone will do it for you.

III. THE PRESENCE OF FAITH IN GOAL SETTING

INSIGHT: Goals are statements of faith in God's purpose for our existence.

INSIGHT: A goal is a God-given vision put on a time schedule (Matthew 14:30).

TRUTH: The absence of faith goals says more about your walk with God than anything else.

Two common mistakes in biblical goal setting:

1. Believers set their goals too low.
2. Believers try to accomplish them too quickly.

TRUTH: Goals give me hope to endure.

INVITATION CHALLENGE: Let God's truth restore "hope" in your life (1 Timothy 6:17 NIV).

INSIGHT: The greatest killer of hope in life is loss.

TRUTH: Life never loses purpose with a God-given dream and a faith-driven goal.

INSIGHT: There's no age limitation on dreams and goals (Lamentations 3:21).

1. Some of you need to step across the line, ask God's forgiveness for your sinful ways and commit your life, your soul to the lordship of Jesus Christ.

Prayer: Jesus Christ, I trust that You're there, that You can hear this prayer. I trust You will forgive my sins. I trust You with my life...show me how to live for You.

2. Some of you need to trust God's work in your pain and problems.

Prayer: Father, I give You permission to change whatever needs to be changed in my life. Use these next several weeks to permanently transform my life. God, I ask You to restore HOPE in my soul, to dream Your dream for my life and to have the courage to set goals with fixed times...Father, make the rest of my life the best of my life, and I ask this in Jesus' Name.