

## BE TRANSFORMED OR BE CONFORMED - ROMANS 12:1-2

### SERMON SERIES: *BE TRANSFORMED*

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. *Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)*

### WHY ARE GOALS IMPORTANT TO CHANGING MY LIFE?

#### 1. GOAL SETTING IS A \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSIBILITY

<sup>12</sup> I do not mean that I am already as God wants me to be. I have not yet reached that goal, but I continue trying to reach it and to make it mine. Christ wants me to do that, which is the reason he made me his. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I know that I have not yet reached that goal, but there is one thing I always do. Forgetting the past and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I keep trying to reach the goal and get the prize for which God called me through Christ to the life above. <sup>15</sup> All of us who are spiritually mature should think this way, too. And if there are things you do not agree with, God will make them clear to you. *Philippians 3:12-15 (NCV)*

#### 2. GOALS ARE \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>29</sup> Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." *Matthew 9:29 (ESV)*

#### 3. GOALS \_\_\_\_\_ MY ENERGY

<sup>26</sup> So 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)*

#### 4. GOALS KEEP ME \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>11</sup> What strength do I have {left} that I can go on hoping? What goal do I have that I would want to prolong my life? *Job 6:11 (GW)*

#### 5. GOALS BUILD \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>12</sup> I do not claim that I have already succeeded or have already become perfect. I keep striving to win the prize for which Christ Jesus has already won me to himself. *Philippians 3:12 (TEV)*

#### 6. \_\_\_\_\_ GOALS WILL BE REWARDED

<sup>27</sup> If your goals are good, you will be respected, but if you are looking for trouble, that is what you will get. *Proverbs 11:27 (TEV)*

<sup>25</sup> All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. <sup>26</sup> So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. *1 Corinthians 9:25-26 (NLT)*

## WHAT KIND OF GOAL DOES GOD BLESS?

### (Three Questions to ask)

#### 1. WILL IT \_\_\_\_\_ GOD?

<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. *1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (ESV)*

<sup>31</sup> So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. *1 Corinthians 10:31 (ESV)*

<sup>9</sup> So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. *2 Corinthians 5:9 (NIV)*

#### 2. IS IT MOTIVATED BY \_\_\_\_\_?

<sup>14</sup> Let all that you do be done in love. *1 Corinthians 16:14 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. *1 Corinthians 14:1 (ESV)*

#### 3. WILL IT REQUIRE \_\_\_\_\_ ON \_\_\_\_\_?

<sup>9</sup> We plan the way we want to live, but only GOD makes us able to live it. *Proverbs 16:9 (MSG)*

##### a. I Need God's Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_ Me

<sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts. *Zechariah 4:6 (ESV)*

##### b. I Need God's Word to \_\_\_\_\_ Me

<sup>8</sup> "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. *Joshua 1:8 (NASB)*

##### c. I Need God's People to \_\_\_\_\_ Me

<sup>12</sup> And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken. *Ecclesiastes 4:12 (ESV)*