



THRIVING – Living with Godly Goals

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This Study Guide provides a summarised study with additional discussion questions based on the scriptures mentioned in the sermon.

Connect:

1. Believers are called run a race that is focussed on the goals that Jesus has set in our lives. This means having the courage of our convictions and running unhindered.

“Find something worth dying for – and live for it.”

1. How do we get an understanding of the meaning of life?

Engage:

2. Read [Philippians 3:12-16](#)
3. Focusing on verse 12, “Jesus has laid hold of us”. What does this mean?
4. Read [Galatians 1:16](#)
5. Do you desire anything else above people seeing Jesus in you?
6. Paul says that ‘Jesus has laid hold of him’, he has a purpose and that purpose was to be like Jesus.
7. What sort of things do we need to do practically to be like Jesus?

Framework:

8. Read [1 Timothy 6:11-14](#)
 - This takes courage. Courage is underrated but we need it!
9. Read [Joshua 1:9](#)
10. Read [Psalm 27:14](#)
11. Courage is not something you are born with. Where do you get courage from?

Deitrich Bonheoffer spoke out and disagreed with the Nazis, particularly their policies towards the Jews. He refused to sign a statement supporting the Nazis.

A Pastor visited him in prison, and said, “Dietrich, if you would just sign the agreement you would be free”.

“Then why aren’t you here?” Deitrich responded.

- As a runner’s pace slackens, he hears the sound of his opponent’s feet getting closer. But his progress would be hindered if he should be discouraged by this. So, a believer’s progress might be hindered should we dwell on past failures and sins, heartaches, discouragements, disappointments and thwarted hopes. All these things may come to mind. Think of the times I let the Lord down. Think of the times I did this or said that. What about when I said I was going to do this and I didn’t? What about the promises I made? Lord, I will never do that again. Lord I will never say that again. And then we do.
 - What about the times we have been hurt, let down, maybe we stepped out in faith and it didn’t work out or other believers treated us badly? All these things could hinder us. You hear that voice saying, ‘You are not good enough.’ ‘Who do you think you are?’ ‘You’re just proud that’s your problem!’ ‘You are going to fail again and people will laugh at you.’ ‘You’ve bitten off more than you can chew!’
12. What is something that holds you back?
 13. What patterns in your life restrict you from going to God?
 14. If you know what these things are, then bring them to God now. If you are not sure, ask God to speak to you right now about what they may be.
 15. Read [1 Corinthians 6:20](#)
 16. What was that “price”?
 - As long as you have made peace with God and man, forget the past. You can run unhindered, pushing towards the calling to be more and more like Jesus until.
 17. Read [1 John 3:2](#)

Prayer:

“Lord help me to remain focussed on you, and to not be distracted by others things. In Jesus Name Amen.”