

**I have a Goal this morning. I want to build your confidence and inspire you to organize your spiritual life for battle.**

**Slide 3.** [Phi 1:6 KJV] 6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform [it] until the day of Jesus Christ:

[Phi 1:6 NLT] 6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

**Almost Every successful person has goals. What is at the heart of your Christian life?**

Being goal-oriented means you're focused on reaching or completing specific tasks to achieve a planned outcome. People who are goal-oriented are driven and motivated by purpose.

**Slide 4-7.** [Phi 3:8-14 KJV] 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things [but] loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them [but] dung, that I may win Christ, 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but [this] one thing [I do], forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

[Phi 3:14 NLT] 14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

**One Obstacle. We are often referred to as sheep.**

**Slide 8.** [Isa 53:6 KJV] 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**Slide 9.** [Psa 119:176 KJV] 176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

**Slide 10.** [Jer 50:6, 17 KJV] 6 My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away [on] the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place. ... 17 Israel [is] a scattered sheep; the lions have driven [him] away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

**Slide 11.** [Jer 23:1 KJV] 1 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.

## Where is your Confidence in God?

### But the Lord is the Great Shepherd.

**Slide 12.** [Heb 13:20 KJV] 20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

**Slide 13.** [Psa 95:7 KJV] 7 For he [is] our God; and we [are] the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will **hear his voice**,

**Slide 14.** [Jhn 10:3-4, 14-16, 26 KJV] 3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. 4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. ... 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my [sheep], and am known of mine. 15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, [and] one shepherd. ... 26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

### Have you set your goals in serving the Lord?

**Slide 15.** Jesus told his disciples about his death and resurrection, sending the Comforter, gave prayer promises, and let them know he was going back to the Father. [Jhn 16:33 KJV] 33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

### God has provided guidance on good goals.

**Slide 16.** [Pro 4:26 KJV] 26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. (In the Lord's ways)

[Isa 26:7 KJV] 7 The way of the just [is] uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just. (God is checking your path)

### Is your spiritual life living from Sunday to Sunday? Just spiritually wandering around? Failing often?

#### Walk the path of Faith.

**Slide 17.** [2Co 5:7 KJV] 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

**Slide 17.** [Rom 4:12 KJV] 12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which [he had] being [yet] uncircumcised.

[Rom 4:13 KJV] 13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, [was] not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

#### Walk after the Spirit.

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**Slide 18.** [Rom 8:1, 4 KJV] 1 [There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ... 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

**Slide 19.** [Gal 5:25 KJV] 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

## How many come to church out of habit? No Goals.

Walk the direction God tells you to walk.

**Slide 20.** [1Co 7:17 KJV] 17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.

We are in the world but not of the world. The battle is a spiritual battle.

**Slide 21.** [Jhn 17:16 KJV] 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (Jesus Prayer for Us)

[2Co 10:3 KJV] 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

[Jhn 4:24 KJV] 24 God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth.

## Who needs something from the Lord?

**Slide 22.** [Mat 6:8 KJV] 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

**Slide 23.** [Jhn 4:24 KJV] 24 God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth.

[Psa 73:26 KJV] 26 My flesh and my heart faileth: [but] God [is] the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

**Slide 24.** [Psa 84:5, 7 KJV] 5 Blessed [is] the man whose strength [is] in thee; in whose heart [are] the ways [of them].

[Psa 84:5 NLT] 5 What joy for those whose strength comes from the LORD, who have set their minds on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

**Slide 25.** [Mat 7:7 KJV] 7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

[Eze 46:9 KJV] 9 But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it.

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# Tonight

## ***How to set your spiritual goals.***

***Being confident comes from an optimistic outlook.***

### ***Planning and organization***

*Arrange tasks in a logical order and seek God for the resources you need.*

### ***Self-awareness***

*Understand your strengths and identify areas you need to improve upon.*

### ***Decision-making***

*Set your priorities, review your options, anticipate outcomes*

### ***Time Management***

*Establish clear deadlines and ensure you are making progress on your goals.*