



# **RENEW 2025**

## **BECOMING THE CHURCH THAT GOD WANTS US TO BE**

### **#4: RENEW OUR GOALS**

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Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own good pleasure. And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

Ephesians 1:4-11 (NLT)

## **I. WHAT GOALS ARE**

**Goals are the short and long range objectives or steps that enable me to fulfill the vision I have for my life. They are based on my purpose, rooted in my values and will determine my priorities.**

The naive believes everything, But the sensible man considers his steps.  
Proverbs 14:15 (NASB)

**When we aim at nothing we hit our target with amazing accuracy.**  
**Zig Ziglar**

## **II. WHY I MUST SET NEW GOALS**

**1. Goals are essential to spiritual maturity (See Philippians 3:7-15)**

**2. Goals are a tangible expression of faith**

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see... And it is impossible to please God without faith.  
Hebrews 11:1,6a (NLT)

With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.

Ephesians 3:20 (NCV)

### **3. Goals keep me focused on what is important**

You know that many runners enter a race, and only one of them wins the prize. So run to win! Athletes work hard to win a crown that cannot last, but we do it for a crown that will last forever. I don't run without a goal. And I don't box by beating my fists in the air. I keep my body under control and make it my slave, so I won't lose out after telling the good news to others.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (CEV)

### **4. Goals are an antidote to discouragement**

For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NLT)

### **5. Goals are honored by God**

If your goals are good, you will be respected...

Proverbs 11:17 (TEV)

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 (NLT)

## **III. HOW TO FORMULATE S-M-A-R-T GOALS**

**S—Specific M—Measurable A—Achievable R—Relevant T—Time based**

## **IV. WHERE NORTHERN LIGHT IS GOING IN 2025**

**Goal: To be the most welcoming church on the planet in the year 2025**

- **Have at least one guest family per week**
- **Add six new families by the end of the year**