

Fourth of July video

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I. Life Mapping series intro

Week 1: Goals

Week 2: Discerning Truth

Week 3: Test Flight

Week 4: Fruit

Week 5: Adulting

By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people. (*Ex 13:21-22*)

II. What is a Christian's goal?

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish. (Luke 14:28-30)

A. Short-term goals and decisions

1. When was the last time you applied some Biblical truth to drive a decision?

I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws. (*Ps 119:30*)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness (*2 Tim 3:16*)

2. Goals are good, but . . .

The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty. (*Prov 21:5*)

Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow . . . Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” . . . If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them. (*James 4:13-17*)

B. Our ultimate goal

1. Created for God’s glory

Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made. (*Is 43:6-7*)

2. Living for God’s glory

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (*Matt 5:16*)

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (*1 Cor 10:31*)

3. God’s glory or mine?

They said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves.” (*Gen 11:4*)

You said in your heart, “I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.” (*Is 14:13-14*)

4. Gut check: Is God worthy of glory?

Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy. (*Ps 99:9*)

Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness (*Ps 115:1*)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (*Rom 12:1-2*)

5. Is following Jesus something you do or is it something you are?

But as for you, are you seeking great things for yourself? Do not seek them. (*Jer 45:5*)

Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. (*2 Cor 5:9*)