

# Stand Still & Go Forward, Pt. 6

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I. Advancing, going forward, growing, and making progress is always God's plan for your life.

## Exodus 14:15 (NKJV)

"And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go FORWARD."

### A. Advance, No Retreat.

## Hebrews 10:38-39 (AMP)

"BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE [the one justified by faith] SHALL LIVE BY FAITH [respecting man's relationship to God and trusting Him]; AND IF HE DRAWS BACK [shrinking in fear], MY SOUL HAS NO DELIGHT IN HIM. 39 But our way is not that of those who shrink back to destruction, but [we are] of those who believe [relying on God through faith in Jesus Christ, the Messiah] and by this confident faith preserve the soul."

To fulfill our destiny, we must continue to progress even when we encounter seemingly impossible circumstances. There are certain things that must be settled in my heart to move forward in faith and not retreat or give up.

### 1. God has already written our destinies and a plan for us to follow.

## Psalms 139:16-17 (NKJV)

"Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them. 17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!"

A. What are His thoughts towards us?

## Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NKJV)

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."

### 2. The keys to finding His will and to know the days written for you in His book before you were born:

A. His written will, The Word of God, the Bible.

## 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NKJV)

"But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable (advantageous) for doctrine (instruction & learning), for reproof (conviction), for correction (a straightening up again & improvement of character), for instruction (education and chastisement) in righteousness (right standing with God, integrity, purity of life, correctness of thinking and acting: Hebrews 5:13-14 NKJV), 17 that the man of God may be complete (mature, blameless, faultless), thoroughly equipped (to finish) for every good work."

### **Hebrews 5:13-14 (NKJV)**

“For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

### **Psalms 119:105 (NKJV)**

“Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path (a path that has already been placed before you: Psalm 77:19-20; 27:11)

### **Psalms 77:19-20 (NKJV)**

“Your way was in the sea, Your path in the great waters, and Your footsteps were not known. 20 You led Your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.”

### **Psalms 27:11 (NKJV)**

“Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.”

**B. Daily Prayer: in good times and the bad times, seeking His will that is unknown at the present but has been written.**

Example from Jesus:

### **John 5:30 (NKJV)**

“I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek (to enquire into) My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.”

### **Luke 22:41-46 (NKJV Strong's)**

“And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.” 43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony (a struggle and wrestling for victory), He prayed more earnestly (more fervently, without ceasing: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22). Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. 45 When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. 46 Then He said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.”

### **1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 (NKJV)**

“Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil.”

**C. The Holy Spirit, in you, knows what has been written for you by God.**

### **Romans 8:26-28 (NKJV)**

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”