Message: Flipside Week 3 – Discipline over Regret

Scripture: Romans 7:15, 18-19, 24-25 and 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

DISCIPLINE OVER REGRET

CHOICE 1 – REGRET.

"I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate... I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway... Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 7:15, 18-19, 24-25 (NLT)

CHOICE 2 – DISCIPLINE.

"Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified." 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NLT)

1. Live with <u>purpose</u>.

"So we tell others about Christ...we want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me." Colossians 1:28-29 (NLT)

- 2. Live with discipline.
- 3. Live with an eternal perspective.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1. What do you want most?
- 2. What do you need to choose now to achieve what you want most?