



Sermon Notes

October 22nd, 2023

Impact Tomorrow Today:
“Setting Goals”
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One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts
- Psalm 145:4 (NIV)

One of the ways we can Impact Tomorrow Today is by setting goals.
Setting goals is essential to Impacting Tomorrow Today because:

1) Setting Goals is a Spiritual Obligation

By nature, we are a goal-oriented people, and as we grow spiritually we must realize that our spiritual journey is continuous. We are not yet where God calls us to be, so we have an obligation (a spiritual obligation) to set goals which are pleasing to God, and grow where He calls us to grow.

I know that I am not yet what God wants me to be. I haven't reached that goal yet. But, I keep moving toward it to make it mine because Christ made me and saved me for this. I know that I haven't yet reached my goal, but there's one thing I always do; forgetting the past and straining toward what lies ahead, I keep my eyes focused on the goal so that I may one day win the prize that God has called me to receive through Christ in the life above. And all of us who are spiritually mature, should think this same way too - Philippians 3:12-14 (MSG)

2) Setting goals is a Declaration Of My Faith

When we set goals in faith we are professing: *'I believe that this goal is pleasing to God, and that God wants me to accomplish it.* Setting goals stretches our faith. The bigger our goals, the more our faith will be tested. Without goals, there is no risk. Without risk, there is no need for faith. Without faith, it is impossible to please God.

Without faith it is impossible to please God - Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)



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3) Setting goals Keeps Me Focused

Without goals, we tend to wander around in our day to day tasks and routines. But when we *do* set goals, we become more focused, which keeps us from wasting time, money, energy, and effort. The more focused we are, the more effective we become in our mission.

This is how I run; not without a clear goal in sight. I fight like a boxer in the ring, not like someone who is shadowboxing - 1 Corinthians 9:26 (CEB)

4) Setting goals Keeps Me Moving Ahead

As we strive to reach our goals, we are going to run into obstacles, and there will be times when we fall and fail. But, setting goals gives us hope to *persist* and *endure*, which keeps us from becoming discouraged when we experience setbacks.

I press on towards the goal... - Philippians 3:14 (NIV)

5) Setting goals Develops My Character

One of the greatest benefits we gain from setting goals is what takes place inside us: the development of our character. While we are working on reaching our goals, God is working on developing our character, and transforming us spiritually.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind
- Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Combined Worship Service

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Welcome and Announcements Begin At 10:00am

* = please stand as you are able

Welcome/Announcements		Kristen Myser
Prelude	"My Savior's Love"	Jenn Smolenak/Brass
Scripture	John 10:27-28 (KJV)	Treker Myser
Choir Anthem	"Majesty"	
*Call To Worship (read responsively)		Jennifer Litzenberger
Leader: Let us fill our minds with eternal thoughts and fill this room with praise.		
ALL: We sing to God, our creator, redeemer, and friend.		
Leader: Look into the mystery. Hear the truth.		
ALL: We listen for The Word of the Lord.		
Leader: We remember the good news. We believe the gospel.		
ALL: We trust again in God's grace. We lift up our hearts to God.		
*Hymn	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (vs 1,3)	
*Prayer		Kristen Myser
*Singing Together	"Rise Up"	Shine Praise Band
Scripture	Philippians 3:12-14 (MSG)	Treker Myser
Children's Song		
Message	<i>Impact Tomorrow Today: "Setting Goals"</i> - Pastor Dave St.Aubin	
Introduction To Our Generosity Campaign		- Pastor Bill Wendell
Time of Offering	"Here I Am, Lord"	Brass
	<i>At this time the ushers will be passing the offering plates</i>	
*Doxology		Jenn Smolenak
Offering Prayer		Jennifer Litzenberger
*Hymn	"Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart" (vs 1,3,5)	
*Closing Song	"Glorious Day"	Shine Praise Band
*Benediction		Pastor Bill Wendell
*Dismissal Music		Shine Praise Band

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and Sundays at 8am (traditional) 9am (contemporary) and 11am (traditional)