

Leaving the Harbor

“King Jehoshaphat built a fleet of trading ships to go to Ophir for gold, but they never set sail – they were wrecked at Ezion-Geber.” – 1 Kings 22:48

“Be careful how you act; these are difficult days. Don’t be fools; be wise: make the most of every opportunity you have for doing good.” – Ephesians 5:15-16 (LB)

“We are each responsible for our own conduct.” – Galatians 6:5

Five ways to make the most of every opportunity in your life:

1. _____ and _____.

Three kinds of people in life: 1) _____, 2) _____, and 3) _____.

2. _____ the _____ to _____.

Six phases of faith:

- 1) **God gives you a dream.**
- 2) **You make a decision.**
- 3) **Delay.**
- 4) **Difficulties.**
- 5) **Dead end.**
- 6) **Deliverance.**

“I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need.” – Philipians 4:12-13

3. **Set some** _____.

“Without faith it is impossible to please God.” – Hebrews 11:6

“Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.” – Romans 14:23

“An intelligent person aims at wise actions, but a fool starts off in many directions.” – Proverbs 17:24

“According to your faith it will be done to you.” – Matthew 9:29

A faith goal is: 1) Focused, 2) Attainable, 3) Individual, 4) Trackable and 5) Heart Felt.

4. _____!

“If we had not waited so long, we could have been there and back twice by now.” – Genesis 43:10

“If you wait for the perfect conditions, you’ll never get anything done.” – Ecclesiastes 11:4

5. _____ a _____ to _____.

“It is better to have a partner than to go it alone. Two are better than one.” – Ecclesiastes 4:9

Six areas for setting goals between today and spring:

1. _____.

2. _____.

“Dear brothers and sisters, whenever trouble comes your way, let it be an opportunity for joy. For when your faith is tested your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed you will be strong in character and ready for anything.” – James 1:2-4

3. _____ by _____.

“Don’t use your freedom as an excuse to just do anything you want. Use it as an opportunity to serve each other with love.” – Galatians 5:13

4. _____.

“Those in frequent contact with the things the world offers should make good use of their opportunities without stopping to enjoy them. For the world in its present form will soon be gone.” – 1 Corinthians 7:31 (LB)

5. _____ a new life with _____.

“God is patient for your sake. He doesn’t want to destroy anyone but he wants all people to have an opportunity to turn to him and change the way they act... Look on our Lord’s patience as the opportunity he is giving you to be saved.” – 2 Peter 3:9 and 15

6. _____ with _____.

“Be wise in the way you act with people who are not believers, making the most of every opportunity. Always be kind and pleasant so you will be able to answer everyone in the way you should.” – Colossians 4:5-6

“For me, living means opportunities for Christ, and dying, well, that’s better yet. But if living will give me more opportunities to win people to Christ then I don’t know which is better... But the fact is I can be of more help to you by staying!” – Philippians 1:21-24

The greatest gift I can give back to my heavenly father is to minister to his creation.
