September 28, 2016 "Seeking the Right Goals" Philippians 3:12-15

- 1) Realize that You're Part of a Bigger Story "But the LORD replied to Moses, "Now you are going to see what I will do to Pharaoh: he will let them go because of My strong hand; he will drive them out of his land because of My strong hand." (Exodus 6:1)
- 2) Recognize Originals and Counterfeits

"So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD had commanded. Aaron threw down his staff before Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a serpent. ¹¹ But then Pharaoh called the wise men and sorcerers—the magicians of Egypt, and they also did the same thing by their occult practices." (Exodus 7:10-11)

- **3)** Remember: God can use Holy Desire as a Catalyst (Philippians 3:12-15) ¹²"Not that I have already reached the goal or am already fully mature, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, ¹⁴ I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Therefore, all who are mature should think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this also to you." (Philippians 3:12-15)
- 4) Rest in the Rhythm: Hurry Up and Wait *"Moses told this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their broken spirit and hard labor."* (6:9) *"Each one threw down his staff, and it became a serpent. But Aaron's staff swallowed their staffs."* (Exodus 7:12)

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