

WHAT TARGET ARE YOU AIMING AT?

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BIG IDEA: What are you aiming at? What's the focus and goal of your life?

¹⁰ My goal is to know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, ¹¹ assuming that I will somehow reach the resurrection from among the dead. ¹² Not that I have already reached the goal or have already been made perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, 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 (invitation) in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Therefore, let all of us who are mature think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this also to you. ¹⁶ In any case, we should live up to whatever truth we have attained. CSB

¹ **It's** _____!

"We look away from the natural realm and we fasten our gaze onto Jesus who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith's perfection." **Heb. 12:2** TPT

² 'I know your works... put to the test those who call themselves apostles and are not, and you found them *to be false*... have endured *many things* because of my name, and have not become weary. ⁴ But I have *this* against you: that you have left your first love. **Revelation 2:2-4** LEB (Mt. 6:33)

² **Remind yourself you've been** _____.

Refocus on the work God did in Christ, that he's still working, and trust that work.

"It is by grace you have been *rescued*, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

Ephesians 2:8

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be *rescued*." **Rom. 10:13** (Joel 2:32)

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God took hold of you so you can take hold of him.

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"...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." **Philippians 2:12-13**

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"...eternal life isn't just about the future. We can have it now. It's not just about there. We can have it here. Most important, it's not something we simply receive through a transaction that arranges for our future destination. It's something we experience now through becoming Jesus' disciples, which death is then unable to stop."

"Eternal life in the individual does not begin after death, but at the point where God touches the individual with redeeming grace and draws them into a life interactive with himself and his kingdom." --**John Ortberg**, *Eternity Is Now In Session*