



# **The Game of Life**

John 10:10

# “Life More Abundantly”

- Earthly experiences ↔ heavenly truths
- Abundant Life → Spiritual growth
  - Overflowing with spiritual blessings
  - Following Jesus’ teaching and example
  - The journey living of knowing Christ
- “We will serve the Lord” – Joshua 24:15

# The Goal of Life

In sports Players are learning lessons about life

- Value of teamwork/training
- Competition develops endurance

What is God's purpose for us on the field of life

- Measuring success/moving forward

# God's Game Plan

## Key to Abundant Living – Spiritual Growth

- Salvation from past sins
- Growth in Christlikeness
  - Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.
  - Ephesians 4:12-13 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the <sup>[a]</sup>edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

# God's Growth Strategy



Overcoming Sin

Victory by Faith

- Spiritual growth – God's game plan in the Bible
- Satan is our opponent – hopes to stop our progress
- Our daily choices – based on our relationship with God

# **A Life of Ease? A Life of Honor!**

- Job 14:1 Man *who is* born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.
- Acts 14:22 “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”
- 2 Timothy 3:12 all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.
- Romans 8:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

# Faithfulness possible with Christ

- Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me
  - Immerse yourself in Christ's teaching (Col 3:16)
  - Trust God's word for the life you want (Rom 12:2)
  - Persevere in commitment to do His will (2 Tim 4:6)

A God-Honoring Life



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