

Outline

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GETTING YOUR SHIP OUT OF THE HARBOR

1 Kings 22:48

“Jehoshaphat made merchant ships to go to Ophir for gold; but they never sailed, for the ships were wrecked at Ezion Geber.”

- I. Stop accusing and excusing.
 - A. Three kinds of people in life.
 1. Accusers:
 2. Excusers
 3. Choosers
 - B. We must stop complaining that our ship is still in the harbor.
 1. It's not your circumstances that are keeping your ship in the harbor; it's your choices.
- II. Surrender the dream to Jesus. (Reference *(Phil. 4:12-13, NLT)*)
 - A. You have to give your dream to God before it can become a reality.
 - B. There are different phases of faith:
 1. Phase one: God gives you a dream.
 2. Phase two: You make a decision to go after the dream. You wake up and go to work.
 3. Phase three: Delay.
 4. Phase four: Difficulty.
 5. Phase five: Deal ends
 6. Phase six: Deliverance.
- III. Set some faith goals.
 - A. You have to decide what's important and what's not important from an eternal perspective.
 - B. Realize no one can do everything.
 - C. Goals in life are statements of faith.
 - F – Focus
 - A – Attainable
 - I – Individual
 - T – Trackable
 - H – Heartfelt
- IV. Start now.

“He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap.” (Eccl. 11:4)

I will start Sunday School today...I will start tithing today...I will start serving today. I will start today.
- V. Select someone to help.

“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor.” (Eccl. 4:9)