



## *Sermon by Ray Reynolds (10/31/10 - AM)*

Introduction: There is an old proverb: "Failing to plan is planning to fail." Often times our complacency and indecision is proof that a decision is already made. We need to be reminded that we serve a God that CAN DO impossible things. Our trouble starts when we DO NOT follow where He leads us in faith. God WILL NOT force us out of our comfort zones. His will is for us to simply move forward and grow as a BODY. Let's study....

### Discussion:

#### *I. Moving Forward Is A Sign of Faithfulness to God*

- A. Faithful Christians never stop learning from the Master. - **Matthew 11:29**
- B. Faithful Christians never stop loving from the Master. - **Mark 12:30**
- C. Faithful Christians never stop living for the Master. - **Luke 6:46**



#### *II. Moving Forward Is A Sign of Fighting for Survival*

- A. Fighting for survival will bring us a life of joy and pleasure. - **Psalms 16:11**
- B. Fighting for survival will bring us a life of thanksgiving and praise. - **Psalms 100**
- C. Fighting for survival will bring us a life of fearlessness and peace. - **John 14:27**

#### *III. Moving Forward Is A Sign of a Fervent Spirit*

- A. A fervent spirit reveals a Christian's dedication. - **Daniel 1:8**
- B. A fervent spirit reveals a Christian's determination. - **Acts 20:24**
- C. A fervent spirit reveals a Christian's dependability. - **Revelation 3:14-22**



#### *IV. Moving Forward Is A Sign of a Keeping the Fire*

- A. People will seek an examination of our fire. - **Matthew 5:14-16**
- B. People will seek an explanation for our fire. - **Acts 2:1-4**
- C. People will seek an experience with that fire. - **Luke 24:13-35**

Conclusion: GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME & ALL THE TIME, GOD IS GOOD. We live in a community that is dying to hear that message. This is NOT about building bigger barns, because we are counting the cost. This is NOT about stepping out on a limb, because we are walking by faith. FAILING TO PLAN, MEANS PLANNING TO FAIL! We cannot allow fear or doubt to cloud our planning (or lack of planning) for the future. God's will needs to be done. We just need to trust Him to do His job and pray that He will inspire us to do our job. Is God in your plans? Have you decided to serve God with ALL your heart, with ALL your soul, with ALL your mind, and with ALL your strength? Are you ready to sacrifice for God? Look to the cross. What has God done for you? How has He gifted and blessed you? How has He provided for this church family? What will you do to ensure this church family, your brothers and sisters, you are ready to move forward in faith?

**WORD OF THE DAY = PLAN**