## WIN THE DAY: TOMORROW STARTS TODAY Part 1: How to Reach Your Goals

## **WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

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## **MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- Based on the book *Win the Day* by Mark Batterson
- 80% of New Year's resolutions fail by mid-January.
- **Ephesians 2:10** For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.
- A goal is just a dream with a deadline. A dream with no deadline is just a wish.
- Sir William Osler "Learn to live in day-tight compartments." (In other words, learn to live one day at a time.)
- Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Our job is to win the day.
- Can you do it for a day? If you can do it for a day, you're gonna be okay.
- Spiritual growth isn't gained by accident or overnight. It's cultivated on purpose and over time.
- 24-hour rule: Celebrate the wins, learn from the losses, move on.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Did you set any resolutions or goals for the new year? Did any of them fail already? Are you still going strong on any?
- 2. Do you see any value in setting a deadline for yourself (with goals, at work, etc.)?
- 3. How good are you at taking things one day at a time? Do you ever dwell too much on yesterday, or too much on what could or might happen tomorrow?
- 4. "Can you do it for a day?" Have you ever adopted this mentality as you tried to reach a goal?

  Do you think it could help you?
- 5. What's a big goal or dream you have? What's a good deadline to set for it? What might you need to start doing each day to work toward it?