



Title: Gameplan II – power for the holiday hour
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Danger on the high seas

Rowboat Metaphor

Easy to lose our way on the ocean waters: Mist, darkness, far from land or storms.

Stay in the Word (so you can stay on course)

Psalms 119:1–3 (ESV) ¹ *Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!* ² *Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart,* ³ *who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!*

God's Word is powerful:

- Builds our faith
- A light in the darkness
- Never drift too far away from land
- God's Word anchors us.

Practical: Set out fixed time during the holidays to spend in God's word and in prayer.

Moving forward

1 Corinthians 15:9-10 (NKJV) ⁹ *For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.* ¹⁰ *But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.*

- The kingdom of God is about hard work.
- Why do you row?
- Rowing in our own strength
- Stopping short

You have need of endurance

Hebrews 10:36 (NKJV) ³⁶ *For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:*

- **Practical:** as you study the word... ask yourself: What can I apply today?

Hebrews 10:38-39 (NKJV) ³⁸ *Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.* ³⁹ *But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.*

A little becomes a lot

John 4:32–34 (ESV) ³² *But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."* ³³ *So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?"* ³⁴ *Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work."*

- **Power for the next step:** My food is to do the will of God. **As I do the will of God I receive supernatural strength for the next step of obedience.**

- When we are faithful in the little, **then God gives us more.**

Matthew 25:29 (NKJV) ²⁹ *'For to everyone who has (& uses it faithfully), more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have (because he didn't use it faithfully), even what he has will be taken away.*

- ****Practically? Say no to sin. Say yes to a holy obedient lifestyle. It is worth it. It's being faithful! God rewards us.**

You have what it takes to obey: *"Too many of My people are still waiting for something that they already have. You have it, now move."*

Conclusion