

## **Bound For Glory**

### **Ready:**

Therefore since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2a

### **Set**

Every team sets goals before the season. They work, strive, and stretch to reach those goals, but the reality is only one team wins it all in the end. Does that mean all the other teams were failures in their seasons? Not by any means. Most teams reach their goals each season. The key is to be focused on the established team goals as players pursue each game and contest. In this way each team is bound to end their season in glory.

What is your goal spiritually? Are you bound for glory? Are you unsure what road you are traveling on? It can be easy to get sidetracked in life. Struggles at home, difficult school work, your coach not playing you enough, and many other things can get you sidetracked and focused on things besides your actual goals. Things in life can so easily trip us up and push us off course. As we pursue our goals, we need to ask whether we are keeping first things first. Where does Christ fit into your goals? Is He your goal? Is heaven your goal? If so, are you preparing yourself daily to get there?

Winning championships and accomplishing season goals are great things but do not compared to what heaven has in store for us. If we are truly bound for glory we will be so focused that all our decisions will be "Cross-eyed." We will be focused on Jesus and His glory and the home He is getting ready for us. All our choices should be made with that in mind: from the movies we see to the music we hear, from the shows we watch to the things we do online. We must remember to take it day-by-day. Endure for eternity. Now that's a good goal!

### **Go**

1. What are some of your team or personal goals for this coming year?
2. What deters you from reaching your goals?
3. Today, how can you be "Cross-eyed" and bound for glory?

### **Workout**

Philippians 3:12-15, John 14:1-6

### **Overtime**

Lord, please look at my goals. Help me adjust them to fall in line with Your will. I want to be bound for glory in all of my thoughts and actions. Help me keep my relationship with You first. Amen.

**Bible Reference:**

Hebrews 12



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