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You Only Chase Rabbits You Can't Catch

(How to stay motivated in the midst of the mundane and mediocre)
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"It is fine to be zealous, **PROVIDED THE PURPOSE IS GOOD**, and to be so always . . ." (Gal 4:18 NIV)

Caught up in the thick of thin things?

You can chase and catch **status**.

"He sat down and called them around him and said, 'Anyone wanting to be the greatest must be the least--the servant of all!'" (Mark 9:35 TLB)

You can chase and catch **trophies**.

You can chase and catch **power**.

Daily Life on the Trivia Treadmill

"Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, **A CHASING AFTER THE WIND; NOTHING WAS GAINED** under the sun." (Eccl 2:11 NIV)

You feel like something is **missing**.

You feel like there's got to be **more than more**.

You are trapped in **the little story of me**.

"What does man gain from all his labor at which he toils under the sun? Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever. The sun rises and the sun sets, and hurries back to where it rises." (Ecc 1:2-5 NIV)

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Living From a Confident Core

My core motivation is **love wins**.

". . . **LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE**, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us . . ." (Eph 5:2 NIV)

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love**." (1 John 4:8 NIV)

My core commitment is **relationships rule**.

"He answered, 'I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I **hid**.'" (Gen 3:10 NIV)

My core calling is **advance the big story**.

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (1 Cor 10:31 NIV)

"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. **Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.** 'So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.'" (Mat 6:31-34 NLT)

My core conviction is **quality persuades**.

"You are the world's light--a city on a hill, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father." (Mat 5:14-16 TLB)

"Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men." (Prov 22:29 NIV)

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