

## **ESTABLISH GODLY GOALS FOR YOUR FUTURE**

We don't always get everything we want, do we? When that happens, and it will, you can do one of two things with your disappointment. You can either sulk in it or you can change your dream. Let's talk about a suffering Jew who took his disappointment of a shattered dream and could not adjust to dreaming again.

His name was Judas. Judas was a dissatisfied person. His country lived under Roman oppression and Rome was cruel. While they were being taxed up to their ears, back in Italy the emperor was living in luxury. Judas was longing for something better, and during this time a new voice arose. This young man's words were electrifying. To summarize what this new voice said, "Are you looking for an alternative to what you're experiencing?"

It wasn't long before Judas identified himself as a student of this amazing Rabbi named Jesus. Then Judas was thrilled to be named among the twelve closest associates of His. Judas just knew the Roman oppressors would be overthrown. This was Judas' dream.

During those three years of Jesus' ministry, Judas began to be aware that he was a bit mistaken about the direction Jesus was headed. When Jesus fed the 5,000 people, the people wanted to make Jesus their King, but Jesus instead went up higher on the mountain to be alone. Then there was the triumphal entry. Certainly, this would have been the occasion when Jesus would call for the revolt to start and He would ride into Jerusalem as a warrior king. But as each day went by it looked more and more like Jesus was heading straight for a cross instead of a throne.

He liked Jesus as a person. He was a close friend, but the way things were going, Jesus was becoming Judas' nightmare. Judas was disappointed, and he made the wrong choice in how to deal with his disappointment, and he messed up. As I said earlier, you can choose to do one of two things with your disappointment. You can sulk or you can aspire to something more by bringing your dreams in line with God's.

Ask God to reveal His desires for your life.

Tell God repeatedly that His goals are important to you.

Lay out some initial plans for meeting your God-given goals and begin putting them into action.

Keep working on realizing your godly goal until it becomes a way of life.

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