

## **Day 9 Get Set!!!**

**It's the Sabbath, and so we'll have a bit of a break today.**

**Now we know where we are, and we know where we want to go. We've decided that homeschooling is a big part of how we want to get there, and we've written our "why" for that decision down.**

**So . . .**

**What do we need to do to go from where we are, to where we want to go?**

**Take some prayer time to talk to the Lord today about what needs to be done in YOU. This summer I heard so many great talks from homeschool pros (moms!) about the part we play in our families as moms. You may have learned it already, but if not, let me make it clear: as you homeschool your kids, GOD IS HOMESCHOOLING YOU! God has a plan for you in homeschooling. He does not want it to make you cry. He does not want your eyes to glaze over when someone calls, "Mommy!" for the zillionth time. He does not want you to feel as if you are the only one bearing this burden, because He has a plan--He's the one who both designed the yoke and means to bear it with you! Our learning will probably mostly revolve around our relationship with Him as we learn to homeschool \*together\*.**

**Take out the list you made of goals for yourself, and look over them again with an eye to what needs to happen to get there. Start thinking about what you can do THIS YEAR to begin getting closer to those goals. For example, one of my LONG-range goals is a Doctorate degree. Well, if that's ever going to happen, I probably will have to take some classes! I took one step this spring and filled out a FAFSA. Good for me! Now, though, I'm realizing that it's nearly August and I have a few more things to do--like fill out the paperwork to apply to the college I want to "attend" through it's extension program.**

**Now, your list might have included completely different things; maybe you're one of those competitive athletic folks (or just a wanna-be!) and you want to someday run a marathon. Perhaps you should start walking tomorrow morning--or hunt down a program to train to run it by the end of the year. Maybe you want to learn to play the piano, and you need to buy one first! The point is that without a plan to make these things happen, they are definitely NOT going to happen. Whatever your goals are (and you've taken them from dreams to goals already by writing them down!) try to determine what it is you could**

**do in the next day, week, month, and year to get closer to accomplishing them. What comes to mind?**

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**Also take some time to look at your spiritual goals and determine what you need to do in those areas. Fasting? Scheduled prayer time? More time with other Christians? Less time with other Christians? (I know someone said 'Amen' to that! ;- ) What will you do this week to make it happen? In the next year?**

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