**Gravity** *(Graphic)*

Part 1: **Overcoming Gravity**

Part 2: **Leaving the Atmosphere**

**Three things to lift out of the atmosphere.**

1. It requires strict **training**.

 Discipleship is the hardest work of the church.

1. It requires great **speed**.

Speed increases as weight and drag decreases. Spiritual growth increases as the weight of sin decreases.

1. It requires lots of **fuel**.

 Make God your source of power to leave behind what’s holding you down.

**Staying in Orbit**

(Philippians 3:13)

"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is **behind** and straining toward what is **ahead**, I **press on** toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

(1 Corinthians 15:58)

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, **stand firm**. Let **nothing move you**. Always give yourselves **fully** to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is **not in vain**."

(2 Thessalonians 3:6)

"…keep away from every believer who is **idle** and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. **We were not idle** when we were with you,"

You were made to **stay** in orbit, to go at a speed where the things of this world **won't pull you down**.

1. **Rejoice** in the gospel.

(Romans 1:16)

“For I **am not ashamed of the gospel**, because it is the **power of God** that brings **salvation** to **everyone** who believes”

1. **Worship** helps keep you in orbit.

(Psalm 63:1-4)

“You, God, are my God, **earnestly I seek you**; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. **I will praise you as long as I live**, and in your name **I will lift up my hands**.”

Don’t let gravity pull your hands down, **lift your hands in worship**.

1. The **Holy Spirit** keep you powered.

(Acts 1:8)

“But you will receiver **power** when the **Holy Spirit** comes on you; and you will be my witnesses…”

1. Finding a **faithful friend** brings encouragement.

(Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

“**Two are better one**, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can **help** the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.”

1. Serving, giving, loving.

Is there enough **output** to keep up the velocity?

How’s your **velocity**?