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- BUT: World history is steadily on course, going somewhere in particular, and will ultimately come to the end pre-determined by God.

*History = HIS story
God's story line with a goal line!*

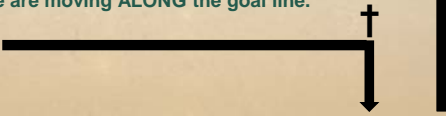
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We are not moving TOWARD the goal line.



We are moving ALONG the goal line.



Living Along The Goal Line

1 Peter 4:7-11

Peter offers a succinct summary of the urgent and prioritized lifestyle most fitting for the last days.

The end of all things is near. Therefore...
v. 7

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Stay connected to God!
PRAY as people “just passing through”!

1 Peter 4:7, ESV

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.

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**Stay connected to God's people!
LOVE each other as those "just passing through"!**

1 Peter 4:8 and 3:8, NIV

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins...all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

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**Love each other by using
your HOMES as a place for ministry!**

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

1 Peter 4:9, NIV

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**Love each other by using
your GIFTS as tools for ministry!**

1 Peter 4:10, NIV

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

All of us are capable and accountable ministers!

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“TASK” Ministers: Let God work through you!

If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. (v.11b)

What About REACHING?

If Village Church of Gurnee is full of people who are **PRAYING** and **LOVING** and **SERVING** like Peter describes...

We will become attractive, effective REACHERS!
