



Courageous Choices: Moving Forward

Pastor Derek Sanford

February 5, 2017

Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. Are you at a crossroads in your life? What is the courageous choice and what is the cowardly choice? Can you look back and be honest about the choices you have made at other times in your life?
3. The Big Idea is, a meaningful life requires bold decisions to move forward. What part of your life is stuck?
4. Read **Joshua 1**. Consider how Joshua did the following 5 things to move forward. Then read the additional scripture and consider the courage of those passages. How do you need to take these steps in your own life?
 - a. Let go of the past. (**Philippians 3:7-14**)
 - b. Prepare for God's promises and God's presence. (**Psalm 119:89-93, 105, 111-112, 140-144**)
 - c. Obey God even when it's scary (**Ephesians 6:10-18; Philippians 1:20-24**)
 - d. Fight against discouragement (**Isaiah 40: 28-31; Lamentations 3:21-26**)
 - e. Wait for God's timing (**Psalm 31:14-15; Ecclesiastes 3:1-11**)

Next Steps: Identify your crossroad. Which of the 5 steps above is key to you moving forward? Write down an action step in that area.

Prayer Thought: Consider breaking into pairs for prayer time. Give each pair time to share their crossroad and the steps that God may be calling them to take. Pray for one another- praising God that He has a good plan and purpose for each life. Confessing to him our struggles and cowardice. Thanking Him for His grace and mercy and for the Spirit who guides us. Ask Him to reveal more of himself and that as we come to know Him more dearly we will be able to follow Him more nearly.