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**Step Up
“One Story; 3 People”
Exodus 2:1-10**

Introduction

How can we step up in our relationships? It starts with believing. Our anchor verse is Hebrews 11:6 “So, you see, it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.” In our western culture we say, “Seeing is believing.” We are fact based and science infected! When we step up and do the hard right thing we see the hand of God intervene.

Discussion Questions

1. In this Step Up series we have looked at:

- Consistency—avoiding a “hot and cold” life
- Fight Complacency—going beyond what’s expected
- Courage—relying on God’s strength in weakness
- Fight Cowering—not hesitating when God is initiating

How has God been challenging you in these areas? How have you taken the next step in your faith?

2. Study Hebrews 11:6 by identifying the call to action for believers. From there travel to verses 23-29 where Moses’s life is highlighted. Reading this section and Exodus 2:1-10, how do you see Hebrews 11:6 being lived out? How familiar are you with the life of Moses?

3. We continue to hear in this series that “stepping up to do the right hard thing will bring rewards.” What are these rewards?

4. Moses’s mother took a stand...a gutsy Mom! This was a risky move! David shared his list of how we can take a stand for family.

Never give up on them. Take an interest in their interests. Affirm small steps. Take risks for them. You didn’t choose them, but you can choose to stand for them. Don’t enable, but love in every way possible. Forgiving a family member might be the only way they will experience God’s forgiveness.

Share one way you agree with Pastor David in taking a stand for your family. How willing are you to apply any of these suggestions and in what ways make specific application?

5. How have you felt God’s calling to take a stand for compassion? What were your thoughts and emotions as David shared Tony’s powerful testimony for living compassionately in the lives of this homeless couple? Was it something you could totally envision yourself doing tomorrow if God presented the opportunity? Was it something that was great for Tony but you would rather not be compassionate in this manner?

6. David shared a list of how we should take a stand for Jesus. Follow what Jesus did. Sort out truth from conviction. Listen to your conscience. Seek Godly council. Be humble, loving, and bold. Be part of the solution. Is there any from this list you find nearly impossible to apply and follow through on? Why?

Conclusion

“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.” James 4:10