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The Courage To Get Moving

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions in the message notes, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions toward the end of the document.

1. If we remember that courage is the ability to make the hard, right choice at great personal cost, how does focusing on obedience over obstacles give you the faith to trust God for the impossible?
2. Pastor Andy shared an example from his life of a twenty-second courageous decision. Have you ever made such a decision? Share your story or examples of what a twenty-second courageous decision might be. How would this affect your perception of opportunities vs. obstacles?
3. Describe a time in your life when you knew God had something good or miraculous planned for you, but you realized you needed to go step by step through a process with his help and with the help of others too.
4. What is more important—the size of the step you need to take, or the direction you are going? We often think we need to have the journey mapped out. What does God say about this based on Joshua 3:7-8 (NLT)?
5. Refer to Joshua 3:14-17. When did the water begin to back up? When was it that God's miracle began? How does this apply to miracles we would like to see God do in our lives?
6. Share with each other the changes you pray for in your life or something you feel God prompting you to do.
7. Identify one step you can take to move towards that dream, goal, or nudging from God. Share those steps and pray for each other to have the courage to get moving.

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

1. What did you hear? *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. What do you think? *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. What will you do? *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*

Small Group Action Steps

1. Consider taking the Group Health Assessment in your small group. This assessment will help you see how your small group is balancing the five purposes and will give you suggested next steps for each purpose. Click here to take the Group Health Assessment:

<https://saddleback.com/connect/smallgroups#spiritualCheckup>

2. Did you know that Saddleback produces many new small group studies each year? Visit <https://saddleback.com/studies> to check out Saddleback's ever-growing library of small group curriculum.

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