



LESSON 4 // FACTS ABOUT FORWARD—PART 1

Big Idea: Your choice to move forward in your life or not to move forward has implications. There are rewards if you make this choice and negative consequences if you don't.

This is why your choice matters! Forward isn't simply a nice idea; it's a necessary action.

Psalm 90:10, 12 (NIV) *Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. ... Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

Ephesians 5:16, 17 (NIV) *Making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.*

Start Talking:

Share about a time in your life when you missed out on a great opportunity, or a time when you were able to take full advantage of an important opportunity. What did you learn from that experience?

Start Thinking:

Read Psalm 90:10, 12. What perspective do these verses give you about the value of your time?

Read Ephesians 5:16, 17. What opportunities is God giving you in this season of your life that you need to make the most of?

Read Mark 10:17-22. What do you learn from this story about missed opportunities to move forward?

Read Luke 15:11-24. How did the prodigal son eventually move forward with his life? What does his story teach you about moving forward in your relationship with God and His plan for your life?

Start Praying:

Pray for God's grace and strength to make the most of opportunities He is providing for you to move forward in this season.

Start Doing:

Identify a specific opportunity you have to move forward in your life right now. Write out a simple but clear action plan for making the most of that opportunity and begin to implement the plan this week.