



## LESSON 5 // FACTS ABOUT FORWARD—PART 2

**Big Idea:** Making the decision to move forward doesn't just impact you. There are others around you who will be positively affected if you choose to move forward—and negatively affected if you don't.

This doesn't mean that moving forward is easy. It can be hard to apply the spiritual and mental energy to make this happen. But it's always worth this effort! As you focus on being intentional and diligent to move ahead, God will provide the grace and strength you need to choose this "narrow road."

**Matthew 7:13, 14 (NIV)** *Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.*

### Start Talking:

Why do you think it's often easy to procrastinate and hard to move forward? What are some practical ways you try to overcome procrastination in your life?

### Start Thinking:

**Read 2 Kings 20:13-19.** What do you learn from Hezekiah's story about not being short-sighted in your decisions—to consider the impact on others down the road?

**Read Matthew 6:19-21.** How do these verses speak to you about the impact of your choices on yourself and others?

**Read Matthew 7:13-14.** What do you think Jesus meant by the "narrow road"? Why is this both the harder road and the better road to choose?

**Read Matthew 7:7-8 and Hebrews 11:6.** In what ways is diligence a vital part of moving forward in your life?

### Start Praying:

Pray for the diligence, courage and faith to choose the "narrow road" Jesus offers that will move you forward.

### Start Doing:

Pastor Dale taught us that "going forward must be intentional and requires effort." Determine which of the following practical steps he described you need to be intentional about implementing in your life—and start this week!

- Make critical changes.
- Let go of some acquired comforts.
- Face some stubborn giants.
- Drive out some determined "squatters."
- Develop new disciplines.
- Reorder parts of your life.