

# “Taking Bold Steps”



“I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions.”

Stephen Covey

# How should we focus?

Proverbs 4:25-26 NLT

<sup>25</sup> Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you.

<sup>26</sup> Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path.

Look straight ahead  
Mark a straight path  
Stay on safe path

# Being guided by God?

2 Samuel 5:17-19 NLT

<sup>17</sup> When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king of Israel, they mobilized all their forces to capture him. <sup>18</sup> The Philistines arrived and spread out across the valley of Rephaim. <sup>19</sup> **So David asked the Lord, "Should I go out to fight the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?" The Lord replied to David, "Yes, go ahead. I will certainly hand them over to you."**

# Does God's guidance change?

2 Samuel 5:22-24 NLT

<sup>22</sup> But after a while the Philistines returned and again spread out across the valley of Rephaim. <sup>23</sup> And again **David asked the Lord what to do. "Do not attack them straight on,"** the Lord replied. "Instead, circle around behind and attack them near the poplar trees. <sup>24</sup> **When you hear a sound like marching feet in the tops of the poplar trees, be on the alert! That will be the signal that the Lord is moving ahead of you to strike down the Philistine army."**

# Prioritising 'Kingdom' decisions?

Need...

1. Wisdom Prov. 2:6
2. Humility James 3:13
3. Courage Josh. 1:9
4. Clear Direction Psalm 32:8

Key Question: Where is God working... in relation to me?

# Why is building faith often a 'process'?

James 1:3-4 NLT

<sup>3</sup> For you know that when your faith is tested, **your endurance has a chance to grow.** <sup>4</sup> So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

# Embracing uncertainty...?

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;

<sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

# David's obedience... profound outcomes

2 Samuel 8:6 NLT

<sup>6</sup> ... So the LORD made David victorious wherever he went.

2 Timothy 2:8-9 NLT

<sup>8</sup> Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach. <sup>9</sup> And because I preach this Good News, I am suffering and have been chained like a criminal. But **the word of God cannot be chained.**

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