



**MOVING FORWARD:
What Does That Look Like For You?**
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SERMON-BASED STUDY GUIDE

Connect

1. If you heard the story, 'The Life My Mother Chose', what stood out to you and stirred you...even challenged you?
2. When you hear the title: Moving Forward: what does that look like for you?...what instinctively comes to mind?
3. 'Stuck in a moment' - What kind of 'moments' have you been 'stuck' in, which have impeded forward movement in your life? (relational, spiritual, emotional, behavioural)
4. In Paul's letter to the Colossians, 'maturity' is a core theme. What do you understand 'maturity' to mean? Where do you see the need to mature in your own life?

Engage

Read Colossians 1:1-14

1. Why is Paul a thankful man?
2. How does Paul describe the gospel?
3. What can the gospel produce when believed and obeyed?
(See also: 1 Thessalonians 1:5, 2:3)
4. "bearing fruit in every good work"...why does Paul use this word picture? What kind of fruit are we talking about? (See also Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:1-8)
5. What does Paul pray his readers will experience? What do you need to experience more fully?
6. Christians have been moved from a dark place into a kingdom of light. How did God make that happen for you?
7. What are some of the 'threats' to your forward movement? (fear, ego, shame, procrastination...what would you say?)

Apply

1. What choice(s) or commitment do you need to make and follow through on to move forward more purposefully?
2. What environments do you need to commit to and in some cases walk away from?
3. What one truth will you take away and act upon? Just start with one!