

# The Life Challenge

*"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10*

**Title:** My Next Step Is...  
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## WARM-UP

- What's been the weakest excuse you've ever heard why someone couldn't come to work? Get to church? Etc.
- What's the difference between a "reason" and an "excuse?"

## DISCUSSION

### TEXTS:

- **Exodus 3:1-15:** Moses at the burning bush
  - List the reasons (excuses) why he shouldn't heed God's call.
  - What kind of support does God give to Moses?
- **Exodus 4: 10-17:** God is still after Moses
  - Moses has some more reasons (excuses). What are his issues now?
  - What else does God supply to him in order for Moses to obey God?
  - Were Moses' concerns legitimate?
- **2 Corinthians 11:23-30:** Paul's weaknesses on the job
- **2 Corinthians 12:7-10:**
  - Subject to torment – v. 7
  - God's response to Paul's weaknesses – v. 9
  - What did Paul learn? Vv. 9-10

### APPLICATIONS:

- What stood out most for you as you listened to Rob sharing his story? Maybe that was just his personality? Or was there something else?
- Was there a time when God prompted you and you responded positively? Share that with the group.
- **So what is your next step?**
  - Are you already aware of what God has been prompting you to do?
  - Are you in "negotiations" with God on a nudging He's been giving you? And what is causing you to hesitate?
    - ⇒ Fear?
    - ⇒ Inadequacy?
    - ⇒ Comfortable life? ("Don't rock my boat!")
    - ⇒ Procrastination? ("Not right now, but I'll do it later; the time's not right, not right now anyway.")

### Complete the South Abbotsford trifacta: Join in prayer

**Difference-making Faith** – we've already talked about this

**Holy Spirit Empowerment** – we already seen Scriptures to buttress our obedience

**Prayer Engagement** – decide how you can pray best in this situation regarding "next steps."