

# The Life Challenge

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

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## WARM - UP

This passage challenges us by reminding us that there are only two choices in our faith - to shrink back or move forward. Discuss together ways we can be fooled into trying to stay in the middle between the two directions. Identify the tensions of enduring in our faith. We all have moments like this, so read the passages together to get a big-picture sense of how the author is encouraging us in our faith.

## DISCUSSION

1. Heb 10:38-39 clearly lays down the fact of shrinking back or going forward. Do you agree with the two perspectives? Do you struggle with these words or are they a good reminder for you?

2. Hebrews was written by an unknown author to an unknown audience - except it's a Jewish Christian one, who are under persecution. They are starting to go back to Jewish OT practices (because they know it well, and may be more comfortable there). The writer says don't do it - press forward and give two messages - First, Jesus is the ultimate revelation of God (He's to be elevated to the #1 position). Secondly, despite hardship and persecution God will NOT abandon His people. If you feel marginalized, in an impossible or hard situation, persevere in faith just like one of these OT characters has done. How does this message encourage you in your faith and situation? How can you bolster the faith of others around you?

## DISCUSSION

3. What encouraged you about Brent's video testimony? How has God shown up in your life? Share stories with each other!

4. Faith is unseen. It's invisible, yet it's the foundation of the world. In Heb 11:1-3 it starts us off with the picture of the universe forming at God's command. How does this relate to you in your faith? This may be a harder question, but what words of faith do you speak? Are your words one that helps you move forward or shrink back?

## APPLICATION

Share with each other what you want to see happen in your faith over the next 2 months as we dive into Living By Faith. What is God putting on your heart to have a vibrant forward-moving faith? Pray for each other in this journey and remember God is good all the time. He is here with you.