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1. Think of an event that created a major shift in your life. How did you feel? Did you reach out to God? What was the outcome?
2. Think of a time when God whispered to you, asking you to step out in faith. Did you? Why or why not?
3. If you did not, did someone else step up, or was that mission or ministry's impact lessened without you?
4. When was a time you stepped out in faith? What was the result?
5. **Read Matthew 9: 36-38.** Has God recently been whispering to you? Have you been hesitant to follow? Why or why not?
6. What is your favorite excuse to maintain your life as is, versus stepping out in faith?
7. **Read 1 Corinthians 12.** We are interdependent as a fellowship of believers. In what ways are you gifted by God? What are your natural skills, aptitudes and abilities? How can they be offered back to God?
8. **Read Jeremiah 29: 11.** For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord . . . Rest in His promises.

Lord, you have created a wondrous world for us. We sometimes forget you are still creating and directing your plan for our lives. We know you want the best for us, yet we struggle to step beyond what we think are our capabilities. You want us to step out in faith; however, we prefer to rest with what is known and comfortable. We ask for your hand upon us now, O Lord. Allow us to feel your guidance. Allow us to hear your direction for our life. Help us to trust you, no matter what prevails. Help us step out in faith. We ask that you place people in our life who desperately need you, and then speak to us your words that will bring them to Christ. We thank you, Lord, for how you will work in and through our lives and our church, for your honor, glory and praise. Amen.