

## **WHAT'S NEXT FOR MY LIFE**

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## CHOOSING YOUR FUTURE

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### REVIEW IT

Is the pattern for our life pre-determined or is it possible for us to miss God's plan? The Bible teaches that the choice is ours. Many people miss God-opportunities because they do not understand that God's plan must be chosen. We make our choices, and then our choices make us. Moses made four choices that shaped his life. Those same choices are set before us: Refusing to be defined by others; short term pain for long term gain; what God values not what culture values; and living by faith not by fear.

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**Spend some time in the word: Read Hebrews 11:23-40**

### TALK ABOUT IT

1. How do we face our own identity crises throughout our lives and refuse to be defined by them—or by others?
2. Consider who you may be letting determine your identity. What peer pressure are you bowing to?
3. Why is it important to choose short term pain for long term gain? What are some hard things you've done in the past that you're grateful you did today?
4. How would life be different if we chose to live by faith, not by fear?

### ACT ON IT

What are your top 3-5 values? Can you name them? If not, someone else might. Take some time to identify and clarify your what's most important to you. A couple of tools that might help...

- "The Purpose Driven Life" book by Rick Warren.
- "Daring To Counter Culture" Rock Brook sermon from February 26, 2023

### PRAY ABOUT IT

Ask how you can pray for a support one another this week and then close in prayer.