



STUDY GUIDE

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[set up]

Do you have any recent stories to share related to the following topics?

- Growth in the fruit of new life.
- What God has impressed on you through the messages or your personal time with Him.
- Encouraging interactions or spiritual movement from being a LifeHouse.

[digging deeper]

Reacquaint yourself with Moses by reading Exodus 2 and 3 (take turns in your LifeGroup).
Read Hebrews 11:23-28 and Acts 7:17-44.

From the verses above, and from memory or any other reading you have done related to Moses, write down:

- Ways you see him as a risk-taker for the Lord (what courageous actions did he take?)
- Ways you saw resilience in his life (what did he endure and stayed faithful to keep going?)

**Feel free to capture these on a large post it for a visual and for interaction.*

After reading these accounts, what is one way that you identify and relate to Moses and one way you are very different?

Where do you see failure in the life of Moses? How did God use Him despite those failures?

What failures in your life feel like obstacles that prevent God from using you? How can what you see in the life of Moses encourage you to press on despite failure and even see God use those failures for His purposes?

Moses was resilient, but we know that endurance is a work of the Holy Spirit in our life. What happens when we try to do God's work in our own strength and power? Do you have an example?

**Read these verses as a reminder of where our strength to endure comes from:
Ephesians 6:10; Philippians 4:13; Zechariah 4:6; 2 Corinthians 4:8-9.**

When was the last time you took a risk for the Lord and it didn't turn out well? Did it cause you to retreat or to continue to take risks for Christ?

What is one motivator or encouragement that is helping you continue to grow as a risk-taker for Jesus?

[living it out]

How is God calling you to endure and be more resilient as you live a life of taking more risks for Christ?

What risk has God been impressing on your heart to act upon? What is your plan and how can your LifeGroup pray for you, support you, even hold you accountable?

Moses took personal risk, but God used him to lead a community to take a risk—a whole nation! What risk can your LifeGroup take on together (think missional, think LifeHouse, etc.)? Before acting, how can you let the Lord lead you in this and make sure you are acting in His strength (prayer, confirmation, etc.)? It's ok to make a plan and then ask the Lord to guide it (Proverbs 16:9). Write down a list of options and find where your group feels drawn to pray and act. When can you act upon this risk for Christ and what's the next step?

Close in prayer over the content and application from above.