

# LIFE LESSONS – Making It Live

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## “Evangelism”

**Thinking about your relationship with the Lord, share how you came to trust Him and ask for salvation in the first place?** What kind of a “step of faith did it take to make that decision? What has happened since then regarding your spiritual life? Using the chalkboard or whiteboard, make a “spiritual lifeline” drawing to show when you first accepted Christ and what has happened since showing spiritual high and low points. **Discuss:** With a few exceptions, most of us lose enthusiasm for evangelism the longer we wear the name Christ, perhaps because we fear rejection. Share how you look for opportunities to share your faith.

## “Leap of Faith”

**What is the greatest positive or negative thing that could happen if you were ready and shared your faith as the Lord provided the opportunity?** Share how you could be encouraged to share your faith...what would that mean for you to do? What are some things you should do to become more prepared? We should look before we leap. **Discuss:** The problem, especially in the church, is that we take so long to look that we never leap. We rarely step out in faith or take a risk for God. Read 2 Timothy 1-5 and explain the responsibilities of a “soldier of Christ!”

## “Irresolute Minds”

**In thinking about your life in Christ, would you say you are minimally, somewhat, or fully committed to becoming all that Jesus Christ would want you to be?** Most of us don't have closed minds. We have irresolute minds. This is a word that most of us don't use on a regular basis! The dictionary definition of irresolute is “uncertain how to act or proceed, vacillating.” **Discuss:** Disciples or followers of Jesus Christ are in the “process of becoming more like Christ” every day of our earthly life. By this criteria are you a disciple or follower of Jesus Christ? Share how you can be ready to take the next step of faith.

## “Doctrine and Methods”

**What do you understand the real battleground in our churches to be?** Most church fights today are not over doctrine. They are over methods. Part of the “Christian Walk” is the assembling of ourselves together to worship and praise the Lord and to grow in faithfulness. We do that through weekly worship attendance, Christian Education classes, small groups etc. These all are ways of encouraging, training, and directing us to the daily walk with the Lord and the “living out of our faith!” **Discuss:** Our most difficult spiritual warfare is with the “unseen” rather than many of the struggles we think are so important. Read Ephesians 6:10-12 and share your readiness and effectiveness in being a soldier for Christ in your own life, your marriage, your family, your work.

## “No Looking Back”

**What is your conviction? What is your resolve? What are the marching orders that you carry out each day?** We cannot hold back. But then again we must not look back. **Discuss** how Ephesians 6 continues with 13-20 in helping us to understand the preparation and provision that the Lord wants us to have in the privilege to live for Him all the days of our life here on this earth. Verse 18- 19 says “With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and pray on my behalf that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.” Share what you can ask the Lord today that will grow you to become more like these verses.

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