

**Answer Key:**

**Walking by faith...**

- Believing
- Obey
- Persisting
- Announcing

**Three steps Forward, Two steps Back...**

**Stop and Remember...**

- faith
- hope
- love

**The Plan...**

1. example
2. hurdles
3. Jesus
4. Give Up

**Ways to Move Forward...**

- past
- mistakes
- others
- opportunity

**Moving Forward**

**Psalm 139:23-24 NASB**

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; (ways of pain) and see if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the everlasting way."*

**Introductory Statement**

*Have you been moving forward in your Christian walk? Or do you struggle to enjoy a real relationship with God? Too often Christians consider the act of salvation to be an intellectual decision and not a transformational one. But it is the same power of God that brings about your newfound faith and enables you to grow and mature. Walking with Jesus is not easy. Sometimes it is like taking three steps forward and two steps back.*

**Walking by faith...**

- \_\_\_\_\_ when I don't see it.

**Hebrews 11:1 NIV**

*"FAITH is BEING SURE of what we hope for and certain of what we DO NOT SEE."*

- \_\_\_\_\_ God when I don't understand it.

**Hebrews 11:7 NLT**

*"It was **BY FAITH** that Noah built an ark to save his family from the flood. He **OBEYED** God, who warned him about something that had never happened before!"*

- \_\_\_\_\_ when I don't feel like it.

**Hebrews 11:27 JB**

*"It was **BY FAITH** that Moses left Egypt and was not afraid of the King's anger. **HE HELD TO HIS PURPOSE** like a man who could see the invisible."*

- \_\_\_\_\_ in advance before I have it.

**Hebrews 11:22 NLT**

*"It was **BY FAITH** that Joseph, when he was about to die, **CONFIDENTLY SPOKE** of God bringing his people out of Egypt. He was **SO SURE OF IT** that he commanded them to carry his bones with them when they left!"*

**Three Steps Forward, Two Steps Back...**

**1 Corinthians 13:13 NLT**

*"There are three things that will endure – faith, hope, and love – and the greatest of these is love."*

**Stop and Remember...**

- \_\_\_\_\_ is our foundation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is our attitude.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is our action.

***The truth is, if you are anything like me faith, hope and love they are going to fizzle out if I do not keep growing!***

**Hebrews 10:36 NLT**

*"Patient endurance is what you need now, so you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that He has promised."*

## The Plan...

1. Find an \_\_\_\_\_.

### Hebrews 13:7 NLT

*"Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives and follow the example of their faith."*

*"...We have around us many people whose lives tell us what faith means..."*

2. Remove your \_\_\_\_\_.

### Hebrews 12:1 NLT

*"Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us."*

*"...We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way and the sin that so easily holds us back..."*

3. Focus on \_\_\_\_\_.

### Hebrews 12:2 Message

*"Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever."*

*"...We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus..."*

4. Do not \_\_\_\_\_!

### Galatians 6:9 NIV

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

*"...So let us run the race that is before us and never give up..."*

## Ways to Move Forward...

1. Let the past stay in the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Philippians 3:13-14 NLT**

*"...but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us."*

2. Learn from your \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 John 1:9 NLT**

*"But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."*

*God wants to use our mistakes and failures to shape us.*

3. Share your mistakes with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NLT**

*"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble."*

4. Take the \_\_\_\_\_ to try again.

**Psalms 145:14 NLT**

*"The LORD helps the fallen and lifts those bent beneath their loads."*

*God has a good plan for your life, and He doesn't want you to be tormented by fear or let it hold you back from your destiny.*

*His will is for you to walk forward, confident in His love, trusting Him to take care of you all along the way.*