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Topic: Move Wisely Chapters: Topical October 20th, 2021

11am Bible Study: Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, M.T.S.

How do we move wisely?

1.We Can't Be Vulnerable With Everyone - Judges 16:18-22, NKJV, 18 When Delilah saw that *he had told her all his heart*, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come up once more, *for he has told me all his heart*." So the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hand. 19 Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him. 20 And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" So he awoke from his sleep, and said, "I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!" **But he did not know that the Lord had departed from him.** 21 Then the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the prison. 22 *However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaven.*

Question for Dialogue: What do you do if a family member or friend has violated your vulnerability?

2.We Can Be More Efficient - Exodus 18:13-18,21-22, NKJV, 13 And so it was, on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people; and the people stood before Moses *from morning until evening*. 14 So when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he said, *"What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit,* and all the people stand before you from morning until evening?" 15 And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. 16 When they have a difficulty, they come to me, and I judge between one and another; and I make known the statutes of God and His laws." 17 So Moses' father-in-law said to him, "*The thing that you do is not good. 18 Both you and these people who are with you will surely wear yourselves out.* For this thing is **too much** for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself.

21 Moreover you shall select from all the people <u>able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness:</u> and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. 22 And let them judge the people at all times. Then it will be that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. <u>So it will be easier for you, for they will bear the burden with you.</u>

Question For Dialogue: What makes honest critique about our inefficiency easier to digest?

3.We Excel Best In Our Gift, Not Others's Gifts - 1 Samuel 17:38-40, NKJV, 38 So Saul clothed David with his armor, and he put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed him with a coat of mail. 39 David fastened his sword to his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested them. And <u>David said to Saul</u>, "I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them." So David took them off. 40 <u>Then he took his staff in his hand</u>; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine. 45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. <u>But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.</u> 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you......

Question For Dialogue: Why do some people focus more on mimicking other's lives instead of pursuing their own?