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# KEEP MOVING FORWARD

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## Skill

Keep Moving Forward is never giving up on Yahweh's rescue mission. He never gives up on us, and movement leaders run the race until death or His return.

## Design

Keep Moving Forward (turning gears) > Turning gears illustrates the role of movement leaders to keep networks of disciples and churches well-oiled with God's Word and Holy Spirit and focused on the Great Command and Great Commission until the task is finished. The **sketch** is a wave illustrating how we sometimes slow down and crash, but we get back up and head for the horizon.

## Story

Battle Ready Builders (Nehemiah 4:1-23)

This story demonstrates Keep Moving Forward as a kingdom skill because we clearly see Nehemiah lead his generation to keep their eyes fixed on achieving the vision Yahweh gave them even in the face of many enemies and relentless attacks. God gave Nehemiah a master plan to rebuild Jerusalem's walls by arming every laborer with armor, swords, and spiritual warfare expectation.

## Scriptures

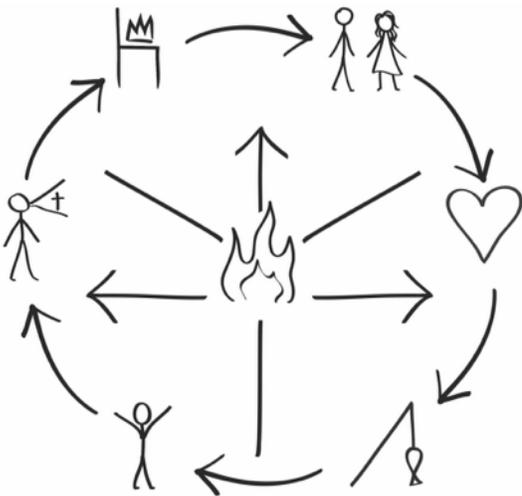
Isaiah 40:30-31 > Youths may faint and grow weary, and young men stumble and fall, but those who trust in the LORD will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not grow faint.

Hebrews 12:1 > Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us.

## Lesson Summary

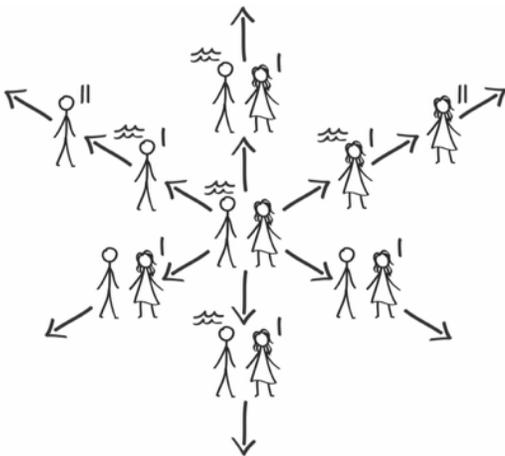
Keep Moving Forward requires truth and trust through trials. When Yahweh told Abraham his descendants would be a multitude greater than the stars, he believed and never gave up (Romans 4:13-25). Moses' final words to Israel before he died was an exhortation to trust in God always and choose life and obedience through every future trouble (Deuteronomy 30:11-20). Even though Job lost everyone he loved, everything he owned, and his health, he persevered in faith and God abundantly blessed him for choosing a repentant attitude and a humble spirit (Job 42:1-17).

## Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

## Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?