



## Deep Dive Bible Study — Don't Shrink Back

When God calls us forward, we must choose faith over fear. Shrinking back leads to stagnation but stepping forward leads to God's promises.

### Hebrews 10:38 (LSB)

"But My righteous one shall live by faith; and if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him."

### Reflection

This verse is a reminder that faith isn't passive, it moves. It steps when God says step. It trusts even when we can't see the full picture. When we shrink back, we miss out on what God has prepared for us, but when we press forward, we walk into His purpose.

### Questions

1. Where in your life do you feel tempted to shrink back out of fear or uncertainty?

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2. What would living by faith look like in that situation?

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### Joshua 1:9 (LSB)

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be in dread or be dismayed, for Yahweh your God is with you wherever you go."

### Reflection

God doesn't just suggest courage, He commands it. Why? Because courage isn't based on us it's based on Him. The presence of God is our source of strength. Even if your knees shake, you move because God walks with you.

## Questions

1. What does courage look like for you right now?

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2. How does knowing God is with you change your outlook on the step He's asking you to take?

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## 2 Timothy 1:7 (LSB)

“For God gave us not a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and self-discipline.”

## Reflection

Timidity is not from God it's from fear. And fear is a thief. It steals confidence, boldness, and progress. But God gives power the kind that breaks barriers and love that keeps us grounded, plus a sound mind to keep us steady.

## Questions

1. Are there lies, fear has caused you to believe about yourself or your calling?

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2. What truths from God's Word can you replace those lies with?

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## Philippians 1:6 (LSB)

“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

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If God began the work, He would finish the work but He asks us to keep moving with Him. We don't have to figure everything out. We simply need to keep stepping in obedience, trusting that God is not done with us yet.

## Questions

1. What is the “good work” God has started in you?

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2. What tiny faith step can you take today to partner with what God is building?

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## Encouragement

You may feel small. You may feel nervous. You may feel unqualified. But you are **not alone**. God is calling you forward one step of faith at a time. Don't shrink back. Rise up. Move forward. God is not finished with you, He is just getting started.

## Prayer Prompt

Father, I thank You for calling me forward into Your purpose. Help me silence every fear and doubt that tries to hold me back. Give me courage to obey You even when the path feels uncertain. Strengthen my faith so I step boldly into what You have prepared for me. I trust that You began a good work in me and You will complete it. In Jesus' name, Amen.