

CHOOSING THE WILD

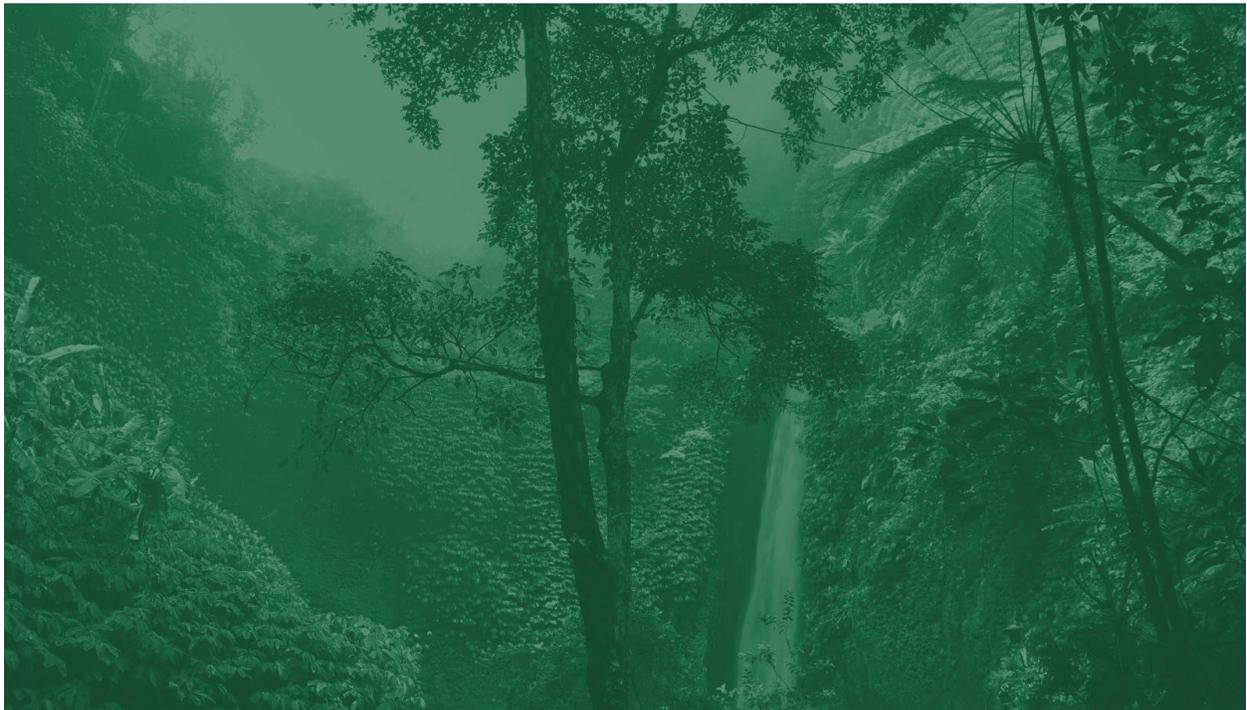
THE CROSSROAD OF HIDING vs EXPERIENCING

A tiger living in the zoo has an easy life, a safe life, a life free of struggle and mistakes. It spends all of its time in its comfort zone where it looks good – but where learning and growth just don't happen.

A tiger living in the wild experiences struggle, pain, failure, hungry nights, danger – but the experiences and challenges presented in the wild allow it to learn, grow, and do things that the zoo tiger could never even fathom.

Tigers don't really have a choice in the matter. They are either in the zoo or in the wild.

We are lucky. We get to make that choice – every single day.



The truth is...

We are **IN the wild!** And we can choose to experience it – like a jungle tiger or we can put up our comfort-zone cage and hide from it – like a zoo tiger.

Hiding = shutting down

Hiding = perfecting

Hiding = performing

Hiding = making excuses

Hiding = not feeling

Hiding = a zoo tiger life that is easy, safe, and looks good – but one with little struggle, no challenge, and no growth.

The Jungle Tiger will feel more, fail more, will struggle more...

and will live, experience, grow and get more out of every situation that it's met with.

That drill in practice

The project in school

The conversation with your boss

The person sitting next to you on your flight

The personal struggles and tension I'm feeling right now as I write this post

Are ALL part of the wild. They all present us with opportunities to learn, grow, and live.

Will we experience them or hide from them? The choice is ours.

And to be real – I've caught myself hiding a lot lately. I've had some real conversations with incredible friends and realized that I've been doing a lot more performing and perfecting than living and experiencing. It's been a tough thing for me to confront but my plan is to commit to the daily battle, to make the choice, to embrace the wild, and to appreciate and experience it ALL – like a jungle tiger.