

“Living a Life of Risk”

Intro: Do you enjoy the thrill of risk? Exposure to danger. Ding dong ditching, bungee jumping.

1. True risk leaves us uncomfortably vulnerable. (Matthew 14:25-31)

- Peter put himself in situations that could have turned out very badly.
- Francis Chan - “God doesn't call us to be comfortable. He calls us to trust Him so completely that we are unafraid to put ourselves in situations where we will be in trouble if He doesn't come through.”
- Me getting to Copperfield.

2. True risk is done in faith in God, not foolishness. (Acts 3:1-8)

- There is a difference.
- Peter believed in Jesus to walk and heal... different than Jonah running, David and Bathsheba, Peter cutting off the guy's ear when Jesus got arrested. BAD RISK.
- This is probably the hardest thing about living a life of risk. It takes faith and discernment.
- “I would rather take a WRONG step because of my faith in God than never take step because I am always waiting to be 100% sure” – Pam
- “It is shortsighted to think that the comfort and security of not taking a risk is more satisfying to the soul than the joy of trusting God in the risky path of love for what you can't see. You can't foresee what's going to happen.” John Piper

3. True risk is required to further God's Kingdom. (Acts 5:40-42)

- Look how God used these stories of Peter's risk to further His Kingdom.
- God rarely asks His people to do things that seem safe or that we know everything about. A risk taking life and risk taking church is necessary!

Examples: Andrew Brown first student event, Warming shelter

Challenges: Volunteering in a new ministry, getting taken advantage of, getting to know a neighbor but don't be weird, community/small groups, Pray big, sharing the gospel.

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Non-Christian risk: Believing in Jesus and accepting change

