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Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

You have permission to take the risk of living dangerous faith.

Faith requires you to take risk.

Faith is risk.

Joshua 1:9 NLT

“This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

The Bible asks us to live faithful lives.

Revelation 2:10 NLT

But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.

Matthew 24:13-15 NLT

But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

The Bible says God is looking for faithful people.

God commends faithful people.

Hebrews 11:6 NLT

And **it is impossible to please God without faith**. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

The Parable of the Talents

A life of faith is a life of risk taking.

Galatians 2:20 NLT

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by **trusting in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave himself for me.

God always calls people to something beyond themselves. He always calls us to **risk**.

Why does God call us to risk?

God wants us to live our lives with a vital reliance on Him and to form a **deep bond** with Him through that dependence.

If we are playing it safe, we don't really **need God**.

If there is no **risk**, no faith is required.

God wants us to **show** the world how great God is.

Henry Blackaby writes: "Some people say, 'God will never ask me to do something I can't do.' I've come to the place in my life that if the assignment I sense God giving me is something I know I can handle, I know it's probably not from God. The kind of assignments God gives in the Bible are always God-sized. They are always beyond what people can do because he wants to demonstrate his nature, his strength, his provision and his kindness to his people and to a watching world. This is the only way the world will come to know him."

There's a problem, Christians love to play it safe. Why?`~~~~~`

2 Corinthians 11:23-27 NLT

Are they servants of Christ? I know I sound like a madman, but I have served him far more! I have worked harder, been put in prison more often, been whipped times without number, and faced death again and again. Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from

the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not. I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm.

Doing anything great in life requires risk.

Everything that has the potential for producing greatness requires **risk**.

Risk induces fear.

Fear can cause us to **disobey** God. Because, whatever you fear the most is your God. Fear keeps us from living faithful lives.

The secret to overcoming fear:

Your willingness to **risk** is always based on the potential return.