

LAUNCH LESSONS

A LESSON ON RISK TAKING

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Jesus ... said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep... **Luke 5:4** (NKJV)

➤ **BIBLE REVELATION: GREAT REWARDS REQUIRE GREAT RISK**

Noah – Abraham - Moses – Gideon – David – Daniel - Elijah - Peter – Paul - JESUS

“Risk in God’s language is spelled: _____” Rick Warren

➤ **GOD’S WILL REWARD MY (our) RISK TAKING IF...**

1. I _____ MY _____

- **Ask:** “Is this something that _____?”

Place your trust in the Eternal; rely on Him completely; never depend upon your own ideas and inventions.⁶ ... and He will smooth out and straighten the road that lies ahead. **Proverbs 3:5, 6** (VOICE)

- **My goal should be to involve myself in what God is doing... not to involve God in what I am doing!**

People can make all kinds of plans, but only the LORD’s plan [purpose; advice] will happen [succeed]. **Proverbs 19:21** (EB)

The steps of the God-pursuing ones follow firmly in the footsteps of the Lord, and God delights in every step they take to follow him.²⁴ If they stumble badly they will still survive, for the Lord lifts them up with his hands. **Psalms 37:23-24** (TPT)

2. I _____ MY _____

- **Ask:** “Am I doing this for _____?”

And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts **1 Chronicles 28:9** (NIV)

Place your trust in the Eternal; rely on Him completely; never depend upon your own ideas and inventions.⁶ Give Him the credit for everything you accomplish, and He will smooth out and straighten the road that lies ahead. **Proverbs 3:5, 6** (VOICE)

When you pray, don’t be like hypocrites. They like to stand in synagogues and on street corners to pray so that everyone can see them. I can guarantee this truth: That will be their only reward. **Matthew 6:5** (GW)

3. I _____ MY _____

- Ask: "Can I do this without _____?"
- My _____ is always the key to my _____.

...every child of God is able to defeat the world. And we win the victory over the world by means of our faith. **1 John 5:4** (GW)

- **3 ways that faith is fortified: I fortify my faith by ...**
 - Committing to _____.

So faith comes from hearing the Good News... **Romans 10:17a** (ERV)

You must crave pure spiritual milk so that you can grow into the fullness of your salvation. **1 Peter 2:1** (NLT)

- Calling out to God in prayer.

And now, Lord, listen to [consider] their threats. Lord, help us, you servants [slaves], to speak your word [message] without fear [^Lwith all boldness/confidence]. **Acts 4:39** (EXB)

- Connecting with _____.

NOTE: God used people to _____ my faith...

...and He will use people to _____ my faith.

So faith comes from hearing the Good News. And people hear the Good News when someone tells them about Christ. **Romans 10:17** (ERV)

Day and night we sincerely pray that we will see you again and help you to have an even stronger faith." **1 Thessalonians 3:9** (CEV)

Listen to your leaders, who have spoken God's word to you. Notice the fruits of their lives and mirror their faith. **Hebrews 13:7** (VOICE)

4. _____ MY _____

- Ask: "Am I willing to _____?"

So, then, brothers and sisters, don't let anyone move you off the foundation of your faith. Always excel in the work you do for the Lord. You know that the hard work you do for the Lord is not pointless. **1 Corinthians 15:58** (GW)

He who is coming will come and will not delay. ³⁸ But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him." ³⁹ But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved **Hebrews 10:37-39** (NIV)