

Stretching and Risking

IT'S NOT MY FAULT!

EVERY CHRISTIAN'S LIFE IS MARKED BY WINDOWS OF _____ THAT DEMAND THAT YOU TAKE A STEP OF FAITH IN ORDER TO FOLLOW CHRIST AND FULFILL HIS PURPOSES FOR YOUR LIFE.

Luke 14:28 *"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?"*

At some point, the thinking step must give way to _____.

If you can't truly plunge into the risk and follow through with it, then you will experience the _____ of the risk but not its _____

Matthew 14:28-33 *"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.*

It's people who take a radical _____ of faith that God greatly _____.

Where there is no risk, there is no _____.

Risk-takers have faith to step out in spite of _____.

Hebrews 11:6 *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

Two things we must believe about God:

He _____. He _____.

Hebrews 11:4 *By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings.*

To rejuvenate your faith, start with the _____.

Luke 16:10 *Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.*

Great risk takers see faith as a _____ and not a _____.

_____ **your fear.**

1. Make Change Your _____

2. Get Rid of _____ - _____

People that are adept at stretching and risking have the skill of _____.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- _____ have I been hesitant to take a risk in an important area of my life? What was I afraid of? (Be honest)
- Is there something or someone God wants me to break away from to _____ with Scripture?
- Is there something or someone that I need to return to and make right?
- Is there a new _____ God's been calling me to take?
- Is there something that's not good for me, that's toxic, that I've avoided dealing with for too long?

Isaiah 41:10 *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*