

Taking a Risk!

(For Christ)

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Christianity is not about...

- Being comfortable
- Taking the easy way out
- Complacency
- Business as usual

Living Life by the Spirit is...

- Exciting
- Dynamic
- Exercise in faith
- Trusting God
- Willing to serve in new ways
- Thinking outside of the box

Biblical Examples

- Moses
- Noah
- David
- Nehemiah
- The Apostle Paul
- Isaiah
- Abraham
- Joseph & Mary

Moses

- Born to the house of Levi
- Hidden among the “reeds” in the Nile to avoid Pharaoh's decree
- Found by Pharaoh’s daughter
- Raised in Pharaoh's house
- Banished from Egypt
- Met God at the burning bush
- Rescued God’s people from persecution

Abraham

- Called out of the city of Ur
- Told by God he would be the father of many nations
- Had a son Isaac at the age of 100
- Offered his son to the Lord
- Established a covenant with God for the nation and people of Israel

King David

- Son of Jesse
- Chosen by God to be King of Israel
- Triumph over Goliath the Philistine
- Considered to be the “greatest” King of Israel

Noah

- Had three sons at the age of 500 (Ham, Shem, Japheth)
- Chosen by God to build an Ark
- Obeyed God despite the circumstances
- Survived the flood with the animals

Nehemiah

- Exiled to Persia
- Cup bearer to King Artaxerxes
- Rebuilt Jerusalem

Apostle Paul

- Jewish leader
- Renowned Pharisee
- Persecuted Christians
- Called to be an Apostle
- Witnessed to Asia Minor and parts of Europe
- Planted many “seed” churches

How do I “take a risk”
for
Jesus Christ?

Willingness to Serve



Matthew 9:35-38

Send Me!

(Isa 6:8 NIV) Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Have Faith [in God]

(Heb 11:1 NIV) Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Faith in God



1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Faith in God

(Phil 4:13 NASB) I can do all things
through him who strengthens me.

Love & Compassion

(Luke 19:41 NIV) As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it

(Luke 19:42 NIV) and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace...

Love & Compassion

(Rom 9:2 NIV) I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

(Rom 9:3 NIV) For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race...

Our Challenge

- Pray for an outpouring & movement of the Holy Spirit
- Seek the Lord's will (not yours!)
- Listen to God's call in your life
- Move in your Spiritual gifting
- Serve the Body of Christ

Pray – Seek – Listen – Move – Serve