

IRRESISTIBLE

— The Church God Can't Resist —

An Irresistible Church Takes Risks

**A faith risk is when we take action
to follow God in radical obedience.**

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.

Faith is a risk.

Reward is on the other side of risk.

Mark 8:34-36

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"

Choose faith above safe.

Risk the world to gain the word.

**You must not let your past experience
continue to define your future.**

**How do we know
what risks to take?**

Risks are taken by faith... not by speculation

- **Speculation:** the hope of gain with the risk of loss.
- Godly risk is born from faith.
- "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." - Romans 10:17
- Godly risk is the result of hearing God and acting on what He said.

Clarifying a word from God

1. Define the word.

- "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow Me." - **John 10:27**
- Bible reading, prayer, and personal worship
- Guidance from Holy Spirit
- Church Gatherings & Spiritual Retreats
- Fasting & Journaling
- What is God saying to me?

2. Align the word.

- God will not tell you something contrary His Word.
- Does this align with Scripture?

3. Refine the word

- Seek wise counsel from those who have a long & fruitful past of hearing God correctly.
- “Through insolence [being full of yourself] comes nothing but trouble, but wisdom is with those who receive counsel.” – **Proverbs 13:10**
- Does this resonate with counsel?

4. Line up with the word

- Live radically obedient
- “We see it as a big risk. But Heaven doesn’t see it that way. It sees it as simple obedience in faith.” – Pastor Myles Sweeney
- Will we line our lives up to match the word, or are we basing God’s word on our circumstances?

Character of faith risk takers

- Hold tight to the word.

“Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side...” – Matthew 14:22

“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” “Come,” Jesus said. – Matthew 14:28-29

- Champion faith over fear.

“For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.” – James 1:3

Character of faith risk takers

- Be action oriented.

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds?” – James 2:14

Clarifying God's Word

1. Define the Word
2. Align the Word
3. Refine the word
4. Line up with the Word

Don't whine about the word!

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