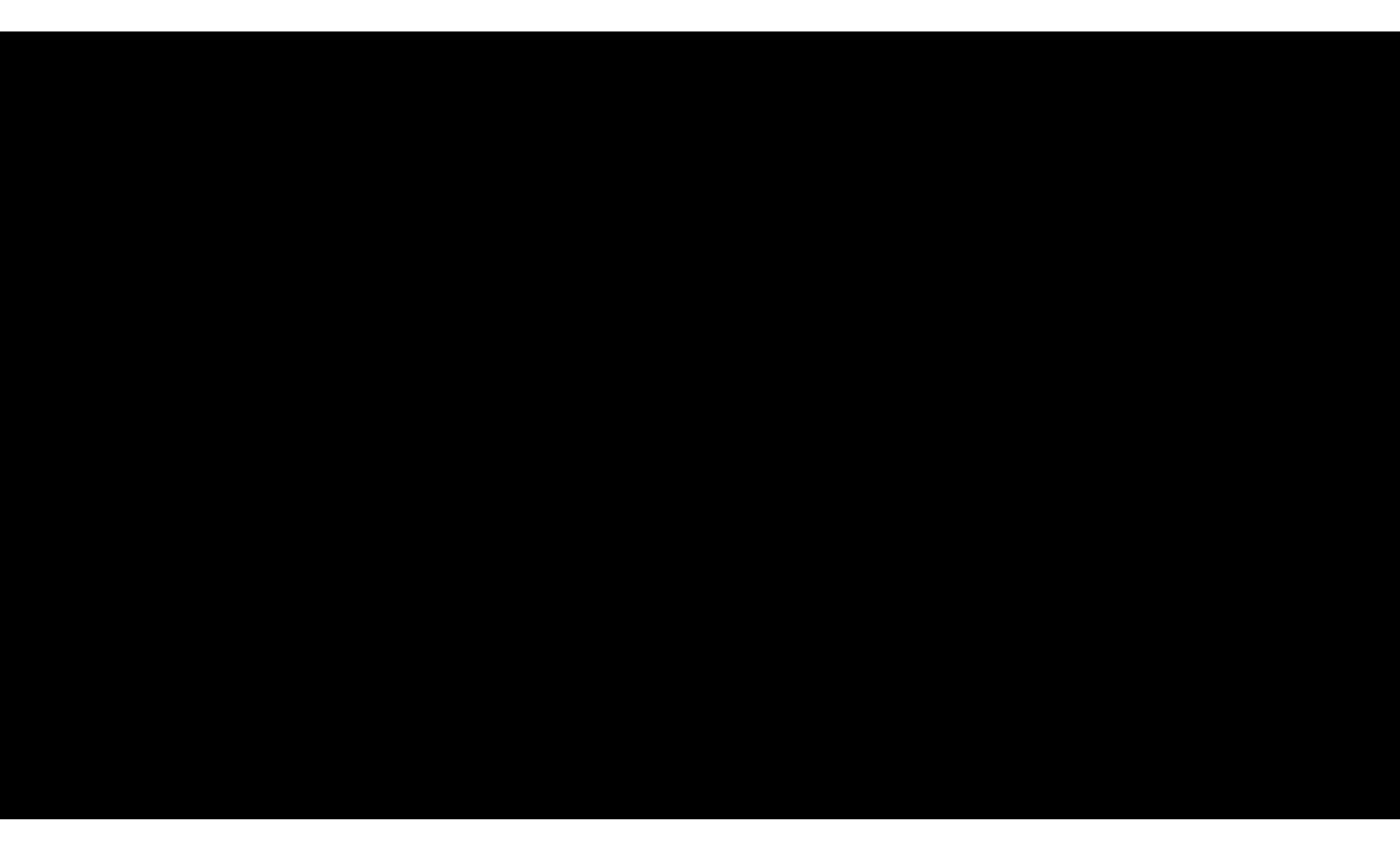


An Acts
Series

CHURCH ON THE MOVE

Decisions



What if I fail?

- I'm not ready
- Its too risky
- I'm too busy
- Its not the right time
- What if I fail.

- I don't have enough experience
- I don't have the resources
- What will people think
- I don't know where to start
- I've never done this before

But what if risk isn't something to fear,
but rather an invitation?

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.
To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.
To reach out is to risk involvement,
To expose feelings is to risk exposing your
true self.

To place your ideas and
dreams before a crowd is to risk their loss.
To love is to risk not being loved in return,
To live is to risk dying,

To hope is to risk despair,
To try is to risk failure.

But risks must be taken because
the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.

The person who risks nothing,
does nothing,
has nothing,
is nothing.

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises,

so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with

virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind,

having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

2 Peter 1:3-10

Trusting God's vision

Your own vision

But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name."

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias departed and entered the house.

And laying his hands on him he said,
"Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared
to you on the road by which you came has
sent me so that you may regain your sight
and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 9:13-18

Right view of God

Trust God for who He says you are
who you say you are

One night, the Lord speaks to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.”

Acts 18:9-10

“I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”

Acts 21:13

“You do what you do because of
what you think of you.”

- Craig Groeschel

Our identity starts with:
Who, ~~not~~ ~~Do~~

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 20:24

Trusting God's Words

Your own words

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They devoted themselves
to the apostles' teaching

Acts 2:42

Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him?”

You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help
speaking about what
we have seen and heard.”

Acts 4:18-20

The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said.

“Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.” Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than men!

Acts 5:27-29

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked(followed) with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?”

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.

John 6:66-69

Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed.

But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and **poisoned their minds** against the brothers. So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace,

Acts 14:1-3a

Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and **examined the Scriptures** every day to see if what Paul said was true.

As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

Acts 17:11-12

My sheep **listen to my voice**; I know them,
and they follow me. I give them eternal life,
and they shall never perish; no one will
snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:27-28

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Psalms 119:105

What's the risk?