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## Taking Spiritual Risks

**He eventually had to take a risk.**

**To find your personal burden you will eventually have to take a risk and step out in faith.**

**The more you are willing to take a risk and step out in faith the more God can use you.**

*“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than the things you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails.*

*Explore. Dream. Discover.”*

**Mark Twain**

**Risk is a by-product for finding and following your personal burden.**

**Something that is birthed out of the heart of God for our church.**

**Something that is a God sized assignment.**

**Something that reinforces our mission, “To Equip Families to Make Disciples.”**

**1. Finding your personal burden means believing that the impossible is possible.**

- **Bartimaeus had spiritual FOMO.**

**2. Finding your personal burden means finding God’s frequency.**

**3. Finding your personal burden means coming to grips with what if I don’t.**

**Regrets come when we are unwilling to take the risk to step out in faith into what He has for us.**

**What do you think are the key ingredients to spiritual risk and finding your personal burden?**

**Which one comes first? Do we have to take a spiritual risk to find our personal burden or do we find our personal burden which causes us to have to take a spiritual risk?**

**I have learned that at times the greatest risk is in staying put.**

**First key ingredient to spiritual risk and finding your personal burden is desperation.**

*Then they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road.*

**Mark 10:46**

**Second key ingredient to spiritual risk and finding your personal burden is persistence.**

*When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

**Mark 10:47-48**

**Spiritual risk mandates the importance of ignoring the critics.**

**Third key ingredient to spiritual risk and finding your personal burden is courage.**

*And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you." Throwing aside his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus.*

**Mark 10:49-50**

**Fourth key ingredient to spiritual risk and finding your personal burden is honest conversations.**

*And answering him, Jesus said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And the blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, I want to regain my sight!"*

**Mark 10:51**

*Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.*

**Matthew 20:34**

**Fifth key ingredient to spiritual risk and finding your personal burden is follow through.**

*And Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and began following Him on the road.*

**Mark 10:52**

**Nothing is more important in following Jesus than follow through.**