

HUNGER AND THIRST: RISK = ENCOUNTER

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“Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession” (Exod 19:5-6)

1. **God's plan was for us to be a kingdom of priests** (Exod 19:5-6, 20:18-21)
2. **God's intent was for us to be a "kingdom of priests" not a "kingdom with some priests"** (Exod 40:34)
3. **Jesus IS the physical presence of God** (John 1:14)
 - "Dwell" means "to live in a tent"
 - Jesus is the mobile tent of God's presence.
4. **As Jesus' body, we house the presence of God** (1 Cor 6:19 NLT)
5. **Risk = Presence** (Matt 16:24)
 - Deny yourself (risk) pick up your cross (more risk) and follow me (presence)
6. **Risk turns into presence because we are put into position to rely on god** (Matt 5:3 NLT; Acts 2:42-47)
 - Risk only feels like a risk because we are bad at math
 - “Risk flesh; choose Spirit”
 - "teenagers have more information about god than they have experiences of him. get them in places where they have to rely on god." (Tim Keller)
7. **Q: Where is your risk?**

QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to be a “kingdom of priests”?
2. Why are we so apprehensive to take risks in our faith?
 - a. What's the biblical (or theological) explanation?
 - b. More importantly: Specific to you, why are you so apprehensive to take risks?
3. Give an example of a time you took a risk and encountered God as a result.
4. What “risk” has God been asking you to take?
 - a. What “first step” can you take?
 - b. What is keeping you from taking the risk?
 - c. What flesh do you find yourself automatically leaning on?