

## Risk Is Right

Better To Lose Your Life Than Waste It

### RISKING WITH JESUS

- Is our satisfaction in Christ greater than our fear of losing our life and/or the things of this world?
- What does it mean to “risk”?
- “Risk” is an action that exposes you to the possibility of loss or injury.
- What’s worse is that you could expose others
- What if not taking a risk will result in injury and loss?
- Risk is woven into the fabric of our finite lives.
- Why is there risk? Because there is ignorance.

### The Well Lived Life!

- “The opposite of wasting your life is living life by a single God-exalting, soul-satisfying passion.” *Piper*
- “Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”  
Isa.43:6-7
- We are commanded to love God with *ALL* our heart  
Matt.22:37
- Do we glorify God by how we live and speak?
- Is our satisfaction in Christ greater than what this world has to offer?

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- The belief of “Open Theism” is that God does not know the outcome of events He sets in motion. Ps.139:4,16 God knows
- There is no such thing as security. Your heart may stop today.
- Are we willing to risk for the Kingdom?
- 2Sam.10:9-12 – No revelation, just a recognition of what needed to be done and entrusting themselves to Jehovah
- Esther 4:15,16 – If I perish I perish
- Dan.3:16-18
- First 300 yrs of the church there was risk

### **Growing The Early Church**

- Acts 14:22- 2nd Missionary journey was to encourage the church in their faith saying “through many tribulations we must enter the Kingdom of God”
- Luke 21:16 – “You will delivered up by family and some of you they will put to death.” Not all, but some. There was a risk.
- John 15:20 – If they persecuted me, they will persecute you.
- 1 Pet.4:12-14 – Do not be surprised at the fiery trial...

### **Living In Faith**

- Lk.21:16-18 – Some of you will be put to death, but not a hair of your head will perish.
- Rom.8:35-39 – What shall separate us from the Love of God?
- The Love of Christ does not eliminate the suffering, but it is not joyless, not painless either
- Vs.37 – “in all these things we are more than conquerors”
- Heb.11:37-38
- Rom.8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
- 37-39 – Nothing can separate us; Ps.23
- 2 Cor.4:17 – Affliction can work for our Good.

### **Living In Fear**

- Historically, when the government wanted control people they created a cause that could generate fear.
- Rome focused on the Christians
- Hitler focused on the Jews
- China on religious faith
- People of Israel focused on the giants Num.13:30
- Joshua and Caleb could not overcome the myth of safety 14:7
- The result was thousands of wasted lives