

LIVING FEARLESS: Imagine Your Life without Fear

WHEN FEAR OF RISK IS A ROADBLOCK

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“This is what the LORD says: ‘**Stand** at the crossroads and **look**; **ask** for the ancient paths, **ask** where the good way is, and **walk** in it, and you will **find** rest for your souls.’” *Jeremiah 6:16 NIV*

Roadblock #3: Fear of Risk

What step are you afraid to take that would result in depth or closeness to God?

“Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, ‘Look at us!’ The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting a gift. But Peter said, ‘I don't have any money for you. **But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!**’ Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and anklebones were healed and strengthened.” *Acts 3:1-7 NLT*

“**Peter saw his opportunity** and addressed the crowd. ‘People of Israel,’ he said, ‘what is so astounding about this? And why look at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power and godliness?’” *Acts 3:12 NLT*

“While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the leading priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees came over to them. They were very disturbed that Peter and John were claiming, on the authority of Jesus, that there is a resurrection of the dead. **They arrested them** and, since it was already evening, **jailed them until morning.**” *Acts 4:1-3 NLT*

“Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Spirit**, said to them, ‘Leaders and elders of our nation...’” *Acts 4:8 NLT*

The Goal:

- See the opportunities
- Take a Risk
- Seize an opportunity

TO FACE MY 'FEAR OF RISK' I NEED TO...

- Identify my personal fear
- Confess my fear of risk to someone
- Take one risk at an opportunity that will challenge my fear--then take another one soon after
- Feel the pleasure of God in my risk

“The members of the council were **amazed** when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men who had had no special training. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.” *Acts 4:13 NLT*

To study additional “fear not” or “do not be afraid” Scriptures: Psalm 27:3, Psalm 31:22, Psalm 46:1-2, Psalm 49:5, Psalms 56:3, Psalm 112:7, Proverbs 29:25, Isaiah 2:19, 2 Timothy 1:7, 1 John 4:18