

Is It Risky To Believe?

"But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ." *Philippians 3:7*
(English Standard Version)

Enron _____ the _____ of many; Christ wants our _____!

Taking A Risk With Jesus - Two Case Studies

A. Matthew 14 - One who accepted the risk of believing:

1. 14:25-27 - The disciples were _____ when they saw Jesus _____ on the _____. "Do not be _____."
2. 14:28,29 - Peter asked that Jesus _____ him to come to Him "on the _____". Peter believed, and stepped out of the _____.
3. 14:30,31 - Peter _____, but for a time he _____.

B. Matthew 19:21,22 - The _____ young _____ was challenged to get out of his "boat" of _____ security. He went away _____, not willing to take the risk.

C. Hebrews 11:6 - To _____ God we must _____ that He _____ and that He _____ those who seek Him.

Belief And The Risks We Are Called To Take

A. The calling we are asked to accept:

1. Matthew 16:24,25 - To _____ Jesus we must _____ ourselves and take up a _____.
2. Galatians 2:20 - _____ accepted the calling, and looked upon himself as one who had been _____.
3. 1 Peter 4:19 - Those who _____ must continue to _____ their _____ to the Creator.

B. What we must believe to accept such risks:

1. 1 Peter 4:19 - We must believe God is _____.
2. Deuteronomy 33:27 - We must believe that His _____ are _____ us, to catch and uphold us.
3. Philippians 3:7,8 - We must believe that _____ Christ is of _____ worth.
4. Matthew 16:26 - We must believe that our _____ is worth more than all the _____ on earth.

Mark 10:28-30 - The apostles left _____ to follow Jesus. But look at what they would gain! The promise also applies to _____.

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