

# 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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