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#### Matthew 25:16-18 (NASB)

<sup>16</sup> "Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. <sup>17</sup> "In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more. 18 "But he who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Definition of risk: the possibility that something unpleasant or unwelcomed will happen; a situation involving exposure to danger.

## Illustration Of The Man On The Tight Rope

#### Two thoughts from our Scripture:

- First the boss commended the first two servants from taking a risk with his money.
- He was ok with thme investing his money even though investing means they could have lost every dime.
- The second thought which is difficult to understand is that the boss called the third man wicked.
- We have the mindset that wickedness is based on something bad that we do.
- But wickedness is also based on something we should have done and did not.

Failure to risk our live to the fullest potential for the Kingdom of God is as wicked as the most egregious violation of the laws of God.

Every great risk involving God begins with confidence in the goodness and trustworthiness of God!

# Sometimes we are exposed to risk to show us that nothing is impossible with God!

### **Exodus 6:28-30 (NASB)**

Now it came about on the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, <sup>29</sup> that the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "I am the LORD; speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I speak to you." 30 But Moses said before the LORD, "Behold, I am unskilled in speech; how then will Pharaoh listen to me?"

Sometimes we are forced to take risk so God can show us how to get passed the obstacles in our lives.

#### **Exodus 14:13-15 (NASB)**

But Moses said to the people, "Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. 14 "The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent." 15 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the sons of Israel to go forward.

Sometimes we are forced to take risk when what God is asking us to do makes no sense at all because it is not what He says that is important but that we are obedient to what has been asked.

## Joshua 6:16 (NASB)

At the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city.

#### Joshua 6:20 (NASB)

So the people shouted, and *priests* blew the trumpets; and when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted with a great shout and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight ahead, and they took the city.

Sometimes we will be required by God to take a risk so that God can accomplish His purpose and will through our lives.

#### Acts 9:13-15 (NASB)

- But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."
- But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;

# Sometimes a risk will be required so that God can give to us the desires of our heart.

### Luke 8:45-48 (NASB)

And Jesus said, "Who is the one who touched Me?" And while they were all denying it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You." <sup>46</sup> But Jesus said, "Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me."

#### Luke 8:45-48 (NASB)

When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. <sup>48</sup> And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

# Sometimes we are forced to take risk to show us that success is dependent upon the power of God.

#### Matthew 14:15-18 (NASB)

When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This place is desolate and the hour is already late; so send the crowds away, that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup> But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat!" 17 They \*said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." 18 And He said, "Bring them here to Me."

### Sometimes we are forced to take risk to test or faith!

#### Matthew 14:28-31 (NASB)

<sup>28</sup> Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." <sup>29</sup> And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and \*said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Sometimes we will be asked to take risk to show us first hand that not only can we do what Jesus did but even greater things!

#### John 14:12-13 (NASB)

12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father. 13 "Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

# Sometimes we are forced to take risk so Jesus can take us to the other side.

#### Mark 4:38-39 (NASB)

<sup>38</sup> Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they \*woke Him and \*said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup> And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.

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