

FACING YOUR FUTURE FEARS At The Crossroads – Part 3 June 1, 2014

Jeremiah 6:16 (NIV) *“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.’ ”*

Roadblock #3: **RISK**

What God wants to happen in your future is to change you more and more into the likeness of Christ.

MAIN QUESTION...

“Is there a risk you are afraid to take because you know it would change things and result in a deeper closeness to God?”

Acts 3:1-2 (NLT) *“Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o’clock prayer service. ² 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.”*

Acts 3:3-7 (NLT) *“When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. ⁴ Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, ‘Look at us!’ ⁵ The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. ⁶ But Peter said, ‘I don’t have any silver or gold for you. But I’ll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!’ ⁷ Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man’s feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened.”*

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

There is a **COST** every time you take a risk on an opportunity.

Acts 4:1-3 (NLT) *“While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. ² These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. ³ They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning.”*

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

When you have the **PRESENCE of the Holy Spirit... you have His power.**

SEE an opportunity,

TAKE a risk and

SEIZE the opportunity!

HOW DO YOU GET OVER YOUR FEAR OF RISK?

1. **IDENTIFY** your personal fear.
2. **CONFESS** your fear of risk to someone.
3. **TAKE** one risk.
4. **FEEL** the pleasure of God in your risk.

When you come to a crossroad moment... God’s Spirit will help you know and decide to go God’s way!

Acts 4:13 (NLT) *“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 with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.”*