

## Risk It!

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You were given breath for a purpose!

- You weren't born in another era—you're here, in this place, now!

Psalm 139:13-16 (AMP)

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Each of us has a purpose that was “embroidered into us with various colors”

- It comes with challenges, obstacles and it can be costly
- We have choices to make when we face these challenges: Surrender to fear or Risk it!
- [Felix Baumgartner Freefall](#)

ESTHER (chapter 4) – she faced this same dilemma

- Raised by her cousin, Mordecai
- Esther was physically beautiful
- King Xerxes was looking for a new queen and Esther was chosen as a candidate
- 12 months of beauty treatments
- She won the favor of everyone who saw her, including the king
- She became queen
- Haman, the king's highest noble, plots to destroy the Jews
- Mordecai learned of the plan and instructed Esther to beg for mercy before the king

*Esther 4:11 – “All the king’s officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king.”*

Esther's life can be glamourized, but she was like a slave—there for the pleasure of the king

- It was like she was under house arrest
- She risked losing more than her favor, but her very life

She had a decision to make—surrender to fear and not do anything or risk her life for the chance to free the Jews

## **Option #1 – Surrender to Fear**

Fear is one of the greatest hindrances for accomplishing great things

- Whether that's your life purpose or praying for someone who works beside you

### **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SURRENDER TO FEAR**

It becomes our master (worship—kiss the hand of, bow)

- Fear is a spirit (2 Timothy 1:7) – that's why it can seem to overtake you
- It paralyzes you and keeps you from moving forward
- Fear has torment, which causes people, dreams and callings to be paralyzed
- It can bring anxiety
- The result is that we live an unfulfilled life

### **HOW TO OVERCOME FEAR**

#### **Receive and give love**

1 John 4:18 – *“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”*

- When we fully receive the perfect love of the Father—when we are rooted and grounded in love, fear is driven out

When we are established in His love, we have the capacity to fully love others

- Jesus was moved with compassion and then He ministered—this love for others came from the Father
- When we love people the way He does, we'll discover that they are more important than fear itself
- Bold confidence, based out of love, cannot coexist with fear

#### **Receive the revelation that you have nothing to fear**

- Luke 17:21 (AMP) – Jesus said, *“For behold, the kingdom of God is within you [in your hearts] and among you [surrounding you].”*
- God is looking for you to release what is inside of you
- Romans 8:31 – *“If God is for us who can be against us?”*
- We bring the Kingdom of God with us everywhere we go – *“I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses”* (Joshua 1:3)
- Philippians 4:13 – *“I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency].”*

## **Option #2 – Risk it**

Risk (Merriam-Webster) – a situation involving exposure to danger

- No danger, no risk

Esther 4:12-14 – *“When Esther’s words were reported to Mordecai, he sent back this answer: “Do not think that because you are in the king’s house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”*

She chooses to risk it and calls for a 3-day fast

- Verse 16 – *“I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. If I die, I die.”*
- She goes before the king, tells him of Haman’s plan and asks for mercy for the Jews
- The king kills Haman, promotes Mordecai and frees the Jews
- Esther took the risk of going before the king and multitudes of people were saved
- Truth of this story: If she hadn’t stepped out, deliverance would have still come to the Jews because of the promise of God—she got to choose whether or not she wanted to be a key player in a move of God

Romans 8:19 - *“The earth groans for the sons of God to be revealed”*

- The Jews groaned for this daughter of God to be revealed
- The world waits for us to reveal Jesus through the arts, inventions, business, etc.

Mordecai risked it

- Part of his calling was to raise Esther—his influence paved the way for her favor

### **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE RISK IT**

#### **We step into partnership with the Father**

- Esther didn’t do it alone, she partnered with her father—Mordecai
- Joshua 1:9 – *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”*
- When you go where He’s called you to go—your authority goes up because He sent you
- There are inventions waiting to be created, wisdom needing to be released, creativity longing to infiltrate the world through you and me

He is not looking for people to do things FOR Him, but WITH Him

- Slaves/servants wait to be told what to do, but sons partner with the Father

Luke 8:16 - *"No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light."*

- Our light and our lives were not given to us to be hidden, but to shine!
- People will see Jesus as you shine
- We weren't meant to stay here in the church, receiving from Him and soaking in His presence—we must take His presence out of here to the darkness, to defiled places

*"If it scares you, it simply means you are doing something you are not yet comfortable doing. That's all. It does not mean you will get hurt and it doesn't mean you are not courageous. The courageous person is the one who does not let the fear they feel control them. In fact every time you move toward the thing you fear, you expand. **Every time you do the thing you need to do in spite of fear, you redefine who you are... Every barrier you break, every fear you overcome, makes you larger on the inside.** If the thing you are dancing around is not something that is going to cause you physical harm, you need to ask yourself - who will I become if I do this? **Every reward you have in life is attached to your growth and your greatest growth comes when you risk something.** If it scares you - you should look at it twice and ask, 'If I do this thing will it make me larger?' If the answer is yes - do it." (Lance Wallnau)*