

## Pastor's Weekly Devotional- August 4, 2016

### **“Courage is Risk”**

More failure in life is as a result of excessive caution rather than taking steps of bold faith. Without sufficient daring, our lives will become failures. Ask any salesperson. Whenever he or she ventures to sell a product, there is plenty of risk involved. Many will say no. But to those who continue risking, the results are rewarding.

However, I need to make a qualification. I am not talking about impulsive recklessness. It's just that we need to be reminded from time to time that “the steps of a good person are ordered (controlled) by the Lord.” Often times this means taking risks.

These are at least four mental inhibitors which can block our progress:

- **Fear**...which causes us to have little appetite for risk-taking.
- **Perfectionism**...everything has to be perfect or risk failure.
- **Laziness**....our “will to venture” dissipates.
- **Tradition**...we have never done it this way before. This “kills” risk taking.

You are not alone in “risk-taking.” Many of God's heroes doubted and hesitated when God spoke to them. But they eventually demonstrated courage and triumphed over their restricting doubts.

Here's a thought to consider. ***DOUBT is never a bad starting point if we are content not to remain there!*** Be courageous. Act courageously. Follow the most courageous Man in the world—the Lord Jesus Christ!

Remember this Sunday, we will be celebrating Holy Communion.

Have a blessed week!  
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