
SUNDAY WORSHIP GUIDE
NUMBERS 13:25-14:10

Risk: When We Say “No” To Risk
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From last week:

- A call of Christ to follow Him is a call of Christ to risk
 - Risk is expected
 - Risk is personal
 - Risk is anchored in who Christ is

One Thing:

- **We are able to risk as we step out in obedience because God is good and unfailing in His love and mercy**

Gospel Thinking:

- The importance of the Promised Land

Genesis 12:1-3 – Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

- A life that refuses to risk in following Christ is a life that:

1. Refuses to trust

- vv. 30 - **But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.”**
- A life that refuses to risk is a life that refuses to trust in 1) God’s character and 2) God’s power

2. Moves backward and not forward

- vv. 2-4 - And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, “Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! ³Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?” ⁴And they said to one another, “Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”
- vv. 7-9 - The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. ⁸If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. ⁹Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths

3. Misses out on the blessings of God by wasting their lives

- vv. 23-24 – **none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice,²³ shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me shall see it.**
- “The people were drunk in a dream world of security. And they tried to stone Caleb and Joshua. The result was thousands of wasted lives and wasted years. It was clearly wrong not to take the risk of battling the giants in the land of Canaan. Oh, how much is wasted when we do not risk for the cause of God!” – John Piper

Gospel Living:

- Keep preaching the gospel to yourself
- Be willing to risk by living daily in the word and in obedience to the word