

WARM-UP

Look over the following list of risks. What are you most afraid of doing? What would you love to do, but you're just too scared?
(Read over the list and mark the most appropriate symbol next to each risk.)



1. Thing I would most love to do.

2. My number one fear.

3. I'll be willing to do this with a friend.

4. Worth taking the risk to do.

5. Not worth taking the risk to do.

6. Scared silly but I'd love to do it.

- rock climbing _____
- sing opera _____
- ask that special person for a date _____
- breakdance at my head (do a handspin) _____
- tell my friend I love him or her _____
- travel for a foreign country _____
- get Prince's autograph _____
- defend myself below _____
- even without me _____
- agree with me _____
- tell a teacher whom I differ with why I differ _____
- tail someone he or she has bad breath _____
- try out for the cast of Fame _____
- run a marathon _____
- go to Ethiopia and feed the hungry _____
- ride the world's most awesome roller coaster _____
- interview for an incredible job _____
- eat raw oysters _____
- get a mohawk haircut _____
- sky dive _____

When it comes to taking something new I am (circle one):

- a. just plain scared
- b. very cautious
- c. daring
- d. afraid someone will laugh at me
- e. willing to try something once
- f. afraid of failing
- g. a follower, not a leader

GOING DEEPER

If I had been Peter when Jesus invited him to step out of the boat and walk on water, I probably would have (circle one):

- a. shrunk back in terror
- b. made some excuse
- c. asked someone else to go first
- d. explained I was just kidding
- e. jumped at the chance

To me being a Christian is like (circle one):

- a. a ride on a wild horse
- b. a smooth sailing ship
- c. a trapeze artist letting go of one bar to reach for another
- d. fourth down and goal to go
- e. a fire escape in a burning building
- f. swimming in the ocean after seeing Jaws

The risk I would most like to take is (circle one):

- a. make a new commitment of my life to Christ
- b. find out what God wants with my life
- c. go deeper with Christ
- d. stand up for what I believe
- e. heal a bad relationship with a parent or friend
- f. get involved in some kind of action

Jesus is speaking to me today when he says (circle one):

- a. "Courage! It is I; don't be afraid."
- b. "Come—take a step of faith."
- c. "How little faith you have."
- d. "Why do you doubt?"
- e. "I am with you—I love you."

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Daily Bible Breaks

Sunday	Sept. 1	God is your strength.	Psalm 46:1-7
Monday	Sept. 2	Trust in time of risk.	Psalm 25:1-7
Tuesday	Sept. 3	God sustains you.	Psalm 31:4-6
Wednesday	Sept. 4	God's love is steadfast.	Psalm 108:1-6
Thursday	Sept. 5	May God be with you.	Psalm 20
Friday	Sept. 6	God is your shield.	Psalm 18:1-3
Saturday	Sept. 7	God is your shepherd.	Psalm 23
Sunday	Sept. 8	Jonah is afraid of the risk.	Jonah 1:1-3
Monday	Sept. 9	Jonah is thrown into the sea.	Jonah 1:7-15
Tuesday	Sept. 10	Jonah prays to God.	Jonah 1:17-2:10
Wednesday	Sept. 11	Jonah takes the risk.	Jonah 3:1-3
Thursday	Sept. 12	Because of the risk, people repent.	Jonah 3:3-10
Friday	Sept. 13	Jonah becomes angry.	Jonah 4:1-2
Saturday	Sept. 14	God speaks to Jonah.	Jonah 4:5-11
Sunday	Sept. 15	Miraculous catch of fish.	Luke 5:1-11
Monday	Sept. 16	Hearing and doing God's will.	Matthew 7:24-27
Tuesday	Sept. 17	Disciples are sent to serve.	Matthew 9:35-38
Wednesday	Sept. 18	Jesus risks and is rejected.	Mark 6:1-6
Thursday	Sept. 19	Forgive one another.	Matthew 18:21-22
Friday	Sept. 20	Teaching the risk of faith.	Luke 17:5-6
Saturday	Sept. 21	Failure to risk.	Luke 18:18-30
Sunday	Sept. 22	Peter and John risk.	Acts 4:1-4
Monday	Sept. 23	Peter and John are tried.	Acts 4:13-31
Tuesday	Sept. 24	Prayer for courage.	Acts 4:23-24, 28-31
Wednesday	Sept. 25	Courage of Peter.	Acts 5:27-32
Thursday	Sept. 26	Stephen risks it all.	Acts 7:54-60
Friday	Sept. 27	Paul and Silas witness in prison.	Acts 16:20-26
Saturday	Sept. 28	Paul and Silas witness to jailor.	Acts 16:27-36
Sunday	Sept. 29	Perfect love drives out fear.	1 John 4:17-18
Monday	Sept. 30	Prayer for courage.	Jude 24-25

JESUS WALKS ON THE WATER

When they saw him [Jesus] walking on the water, they were terrified. "It's a ghost!" they said, and screamed with fear.

Jesus spoke to them at once. "Courage!" he said. "It is I. Do not be afraid!"

Then Peter spoke up. "Lord, if it is really you, after me to come out on the water to you."

"Come!" answered Jesus. So Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water to Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he was afraid and started to sink down in the water.

"Save me, Lord!" he cried. At once Jesus reached out and grabbed hold of him and said, "What little faith you have! Why did you doubt?"

Both got into the boat and died down. Then the wind had, and they were safe. (Matthew 14:22-33, TEV)