

*And he said to them, "Come after me and I will make  
you fishers of people."*

*Matthew 4:19*

## **RISK**

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool  
To weep is to risk appearing sentimental  
To reach out for another is to risk involvement  
To expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self  
To play your ideas, your dreams before the crowd  
is to risk their loss  
To love is to risk not being loved in return  
To live is to risk despair  
To hope is to risk failure  
But risk must be taken, because the greatest hazard  
in life is to risk nothing  
The person who risks nothing, does nothing,  
has nothing and is nothing  
He may avoid suffering and sorrow, but he simply  
cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love  
Chained by his certitudes, he is a slave  
He has forfeited freedom  
Only a person who risks -- is free



**Y**ou've been chosen to proclaim  
the greatest news in history.