

# Taking Risks for Jesus in 2022

Numbers 13:26-30

There are 3 kinds of Churches today in America:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ takers.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ takers.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ takers.

It's time for us as God's people to move forward out of our \_\_\_\_\_ zones into God's \_\_\_\_\_ zone, for without faith it is impossible to please the Lord.

Think of the people in God's Word that for God's glory took risks:

Moses wasn't playing it safe..... Exodus 5:1

David wasn't playing it safe when he..... 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 17

Gideon wasn't playing it safe when he fought ..... with \_\_\_\_\_ men rather than \_\_\_\_\_. Judges 7

Esther wasn't playing it safe when she put her life on..... Esther 4

The 3 Hebrew children weren't playing it safe when they would rather..... Daniel 3

Daniel wasn't playing it safe when he was willing to spend..... Daniel 6

Peter wasn't playing it safe when he stepped out..... Matthew 14

The Apostle Paul wasn't playing it safe when he stood before..... Acts

The Apostle John wasn't playing it safe when he preached Jesus in the face..... Rev.

If there's one man in the O.T. who inspires us to step out of our safe zones and be Risk-takers for Jesus it's Caleb.

You remember his story: He was one of the 12 spies Moses.....

And once he made it to the Promised Land it spoiled.....

While others saw \_\_\_\_\_, Caleb and Joshua saw \_\_\_\_\_!

While others saw \_\_\_\_\_, Caleb saw the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**Genesis 50:24 And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."**

Caleb was a man who \_\_\_\_\_ WELL!

Many churches and many Christians have started well but didn't finish well.

Examples:.....

They started well but ended as castaways.

When Caleb was 85 years old and finally living in the Promised Land, while others his age was looking for a rocking..... Caleb was looking for a mountain to climb.

**Joshua 14:12-13** *Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said.” And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance.*

Caleb left us a powerful example of what it takes to be Risk-takers for Jesus!

In 5 verses we find the secret of getting out of our safe zones and our comfort zones to be Risk-takers for Jesus.

1. Verse no. 1 Numbers 14:\_\_\_\_\_ key word \_\_\_\_\_
2. Verse no. 2 Numbers 32:\_\_\_\_\_ key word \_\_\_\_\_
3. Verse no. 3 Deuteronomy 1:\_\_\_\_\_ key word \_\_\_\_\_
4. Verse no. 4 Joshua 14:\_\_\_\_\_ key word \_\_\_\_\_
5. Verse no. 5 Joshua 14:\_\_\_\_\_ key word \_\_\_\_\_

Caleb followed the Lord \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

When we, like Caleb, count on God's \_\_\_\_\_, God's \_\_\_\_\_ and God's \_\_\_\_\_, we'll go from the safe zone to God's faith zone!

On Caleb's tombstone could be written these words:

Here lies a Risk-taker who had NO \_\_\_\_\_ and NO \_\_\_\_\_ for he wholly followed the Lord.

Key thought: As we go forward for God's glory in 2022

Let us:

STAY \_\_\_\_\_ EOJ Hebrews 12:2

STAY \_\_\_\_\_ never let our guards down 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:8

STAY \_\_\_\_\_ in daily Bible study & prayer Luke 18:1; 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15

STAY \_\_\_\_\_ with God's people Hebrews 10:25

STAY \_\_\_\_\_ CBT Matthew 24:44