

Life Group Notes
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Series: Followers of Jesus

Title: Followers Who Take Risks

Passage: Matthew 25:14-30

The master has gone to a far country but will return. He has given bags of silver to his servants which they are to invest in his absence. Those willing to take risks and use what they have been entrusted are rewarded. The point of the story is faithfulness and willingness to risk for an absent master who will one day return and call his servants to account.

We must also learn from the one who did nothing with his silver. By burying it they ensured this great entrustment had no chance of being multiplied. They didn't really know their master, so they didn't risk for Him.

Know our Master's heart: Fear of failure robbed the third servant of taking a risk with his bag of silver, he misjudged his master. Whereas the first two were willing to take risks because they knew their master. Jesus longs for people to be saved (Jn3:16) who then usher in His rule and reign (Is 60:1-3)

Know our Master's joy: The two servants were rewarded in the same way. First, verbal praise for all to hear. Secondly, they are given many more responsibilities. Thirdly, and most significantly, they are invited to share in His joy. Entering into our 'Master's Joy' is not something we do but comes from the work of the Holy Spirit within us.

Know our God given talents: As we wait for our master's return, we are to use / risk what He has given us. Three things to consider when taking risks:

- The Prophetic: What has God specifically said?
- The Resources: What has God specifically given?
- The Opportunities: What has God put before us?

Suggested questions:

How does risk taking glorify our Heavenly Master?

What fears are quenching your risk taking?

How can we enter into our Master's Joy?