

CROSSROADS: WHEN FEAR OF RISK IS A ROAD BLOCK

Jeremiah 6:16 (NLT) "This is what the Lord says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.'"

- At the crossroads...
 1. The world's way is so much _____.
 2. God's way takes _____.
- Road block #1: My _____.
- Road block #2: My _____.
- Road block #3: My _____.
 - Afraid to join a Bible class
 - Afraid to work on a committee
 - Afraid to share your faith
 - Afraid to join the church
 - Afraid to be pushed out of your comfort zone
 - Afraid to ask for help

Acts 3:1-2 (NLT) "Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. ² As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple."

- God _____ an opportunity, a need.

Act 3:3-7 (NLT) "³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. ⁴ Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, 'Look at us!' ⁵ The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. ⁶ But Peter said, 'I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!' ⁷ Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. "

- Peter _____ the opportunity to serve.
- Peter _____ the risk.
- Peter _____ the opportunity to speak.

Acts 3:12 (NLT) "¹² Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd. 'People of Israel,' he said, 'what is so surprising about this? And why stare at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power or godliness?'"

- For every risk there may be a _____.

Acts 4: 1-3 (NLT) "¹ While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. ² These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. ³ They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning."

- Irony: the lame men _____; the healthy man ____ in jail.
- At the crossroads God fills us with His _____.

Acts 4:8 (NLT) “⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of our people,”

- God’s GPS system: _____.

THREE PRACTICAL STEPS TO FACE MY FEAR OF RISK

1. _____my fear of risk.
2. Take _____as an opportunity.
3. Feel the _____of serving God and others.

Acts 4:13 (NLT) “¹³ The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.”

- Risk: _____