

Taking the Right Risks in Life September 24 & 25, 2022

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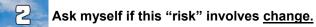
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"I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

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How can I become a godly RISK taker today?

• Respond the moment God calls you to go.

Hebrews 11:8a (NLT)

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance.

Knowing God's voice only happens if I:

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- Read the bible. Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)
- Seek godly counsel. Proverbs 15:22 (TPT)
- <u>Yield</u> to the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:26 (TPT)
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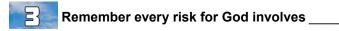
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