

LESSON 3.2 • FEAR OF RISK  
OUTLINE

- VIII. People fear making mistakes.
- A. This really comes down to the fact that they aren't secure in Jesus.
  - B. They are afraid because their identity and worth are caught up in what they do.
  - C. We need to find our security and identity in our relationship with God.
- IX. Many of you may be limiting God because you aren't doing what God has put in your heart due to the risk involved.
- A. You're afraid to get out of the boat.
  - B. When you get old, will you just sit around and wait on death?
  - C. That's where a lot of people are headed—they are afraid to follow what God has told them to do.
  - D. But it's exciting to be out there saying, "God, if You don't come through, I'm going to make a huge splash!"
- X. If your life doesn't have a little bit of excitement in it, you might as well say, "God, I'll go anywhere or do anything You want."
- A. Follow through on it, and I guarantee that God will make your life exciting.
  - B. You might fail, but Proverbs 24:16 says that a righteous man will get up seven times.
  - C. Being perfect doesn't mean you are sinless.

*For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.*

2 CHRONICLES 16:9

- D. God was referring to people who are committed to Him.
  - E. God is looking throughout the whole earth for people like this.
  - F. Are you willing to risk it all to follow Him?
- XI. You may have some things in your heart that would cause you to live your life differently if you didn't have restrictions.
- A. Fear is causing you to limit yourself and limit what God can do, because you're afraid that you might not prosper as much as you are prospering now.
  - B. You are afraid that people might criticize you or that something negative might happen.

- XII. The vast majority of people take their potential to the grave, dying without ever realizing their full potential.
- A. Hundreds of people have dreams and goals that have been set aside.
  - B. They have let life limit them; therefore, they limit God.
  - C. I can't even relate to people who are living their lives and just letting circumstances dictate to them.
  - D. They don't know what God put them here for, they aren't doing what God has equipped them to do, and they aren't reaching their full potential.
  - E. That's not living—that's just surviving.
- XIII. God wants us to be practical.
- A. We need to take care of ourselves and our family.
  - B. But in the process, we need to start dreaming and believing God for those dreams in our hearts to come to pass.
  - C. We need to say, "Father, show me how I can make my life count."
  - D. Our lives should be touching others and making a difference.
- XIV. Another fear that hinders people is the fear of change.
- A. Resistance to change is really strong in our culture.
  - B. One of the reasons people resist change is because they're lazy.
  - C. It takes effort to change.
  - D. God didn't make us to sit and coast through life.
  - E. We will last longer, be happier and more productive, and everything will work better in our lives when we have a purpose.
  - F. We don't need to *rust* out; we need to *wear* out.
  - G. I am so thankful I have a purpose that is going to keep me going until I draw my last breath.
- XV. God will call us to do something beyond ourselves.
- A. This makes us dependent on Him.
  - B. If we're just doing what we can do, we've missed God.
  - C. If we really knew the plans that God has for us and what He wants to do with our lives, we would realize there's more than what we are doing.
  - D. There are a satisfaction and a contentment that come when we know that we are doing what God called us to do.

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. [2] And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

ROMANS 12:1-2

- E. This isn't just for full-time preachers or ministers—it's our normal Christian duty.
- F. Jesus died for us, so we should live for Him.
- G. We should commit ourselves without any questions.
- H. Let's take the limits off God, and we'll watch His blessings overtake us!

## ANDREW'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

I have a book entitled *Effortless Change*. In this book, I talk about how we can change effortlessly, but there's even an "effort" in that. The effort is getting into the Word of God and renewing our minds. Then as we think, that's the way we'll become (Prov. 23:7).

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# DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

16. Why do people fear that they will make mistakes?

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17. *Discussion question:* Why is it so important to find your security and identity in your relationship with God?

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18. *Discussion question:* When you get old, will you just sit around and wait on death?

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19. By telling God “I’ll go anywhere or do anything You want,” what will you bring into your life?

- A. Excitement
- B. Trouble
- C. Resistance
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

20. True or false: Being perfect means you are sinless.

21. In 2 Chronicles 16:9, God was referring to people who are \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.

22. What are some fears that may be limiting you and limiting what God can do?

- A. You may not prosper as much as you are now
- B. People may criticize you
- C. Something negative might happen
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

23. For the vast majority of people, where does their potential end up?

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24. Why do most people die without realizing their full potential?

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25. If you don't know what God put you here for, aren't doing what God has equipped you to do, and aren't reaching your full potential, is that living?

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26. *Discussion question:* In what ways should your life be touching others and making a difference?

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27. *Discussion question:* Discuss some of the reasons people resist change.

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28. What is true when you have a purpose?

- A. You will be happier
- B. You will be more productive
- C. Everything will work better in your life
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

29. You don't need to \_\_\_\_\_ out; you need to \_\_\_\_\_ out.

30. True or false: When God calls you to do something beyond yourself, it makes you more dependent on Him.

31. A \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ come when you know that you are doing what God has called you to do.

32. Is Romans 12:1-2 just for full-time preachers or ministers?

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33. *Discussion question:* What does “Jesus died for you, so you should live for Him” mean to you?

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SCRIPTURES

PROVERBS 24:16

For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

2 CHRONICLES 16:9

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

PROVERBS 23:7

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

ROMANS 12:1-2

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