

# AT YOUR OWN RISK

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### INTRODUCTION

Whether we are risk takers by nature, or are naturally more risk-averse, we all encounter risk. We are all faced with situations in which uncertain outcomes and personal exposure leave us with choices to make. But sometimes we face situations where uncertainty and exposure bump up against the will of God, and the conventional wisdom for evaluating risk no longer holds.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Would you call yourself a risk taker, or are you more risk-averse?
2. Describe a time when you took on more risk than you are generally comfortable with. What prompted you to take that risk?
3. Read Esther 3:12-4:11. What uncertainty did Esther face?
4. What was at stake for Esther personally if she went to face the king of Persia? What was at stake if she did *not* go to see the king?
5. Have you encountered a situation where uncertainty and your exposure collided with principles from Scripture? What choice did you make?
6. How does risk affect your faith?
7. What is at stake when you allow uncertainty and your personal exposure to outweigh God's principles?

### THINK ABOUT IT

Read 1 Chronicles 29:11-12 and Job 42:2. Who has the ability to control outcomes? Why is this significant when it comes to evaluating risks? If we know that we can't control outcomes, why would we choose *not* to follow the only one who can?

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Is there an area of your life where following Christ seems risky? How will you respond?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.* Romans 8:28