



## Week 2: The Risk God Rewards

This week's message explored the importance of taking faith-filled risks when God calls us to cross from comfort into the unknown. In Joshua 3, we saw how God commanded the Israelites to step into a flooded Jordan River before the waters would part. The act of trust – putting a foot in the water – models how miracles often follow obedience and risk. Whether we are stuck in suffering, settled in safety, or comfortable in success, God invites us to leave the shore and step toward significance. Faith is not passive; it's a call to move, even when what's next seems scary.

### Discussion Questions:

1. **Identifying Your Shore** Which "shore" do you most identify with right now – suffering, safety, or success? What does it look like for you to take a "step into the water" from that place? What emotions come up when you think about stepping off that shore? What would it take for you to trust God with the next step?
2. **First Steps Before Miracles** Why do you think God often waits for us to take the first step before He moves? Share an example from your life or from someone you know. What do you think God is trying to develop in us by asking for the first step?
3. **The Recline of Comfort** How do comfort and convenience (your metaphorical "recliner") affect your willingness to respond to God's call? What habits or routines may be keeping you stuck in comfort? How do comfort and calling sometimes conflict in your life?
4. **Taking a Risk This Week** What's one risky step you sense God may be prompting you to take this week – relationally, spiritually, or otherwise? What's at stake if you choose to stay put? What's the potential impact if you start to move? How can the group support or pray for you as you take the step?
5. **Reckless or God-Honoring?** The sermon emphasized that God rewards risk-taking obedience. How do we distinguish between reckless risks and God-honoring steps of faith? When was the last time you took a God-honoring risk? What happened? What are some signs that a risk is from God and not just impulsive? How can Scripture, prayer, or wise counsel guide your decision-making?