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We all have a natural tendency to protect ourselves. Typically, we only take risks within the limits of remaining safe and sound. But sometimes, in a moment of an “adrenalin rush”, we will “throw caution to the wind”, or take a chance on something. I once heard a carnival game barker yelling, “You pays your money and takes your chance.” Rocky Balboa said, “Go for it.”

This has motivated young men to ask out a lady they are interested in, or it will cause one to do something they otherwise would not do; like seeing how fast a car will run. Last May I watched my brother Daniel jump out of a plane on his 50th birthday. Not something one typically is willing to do. In October 1997, I boarded a plane and travelled by myself to India for the first time. And there were moments when I asked myself, “What are you doing here?” But it was the beginning of a very important part of my life.

Ben Hogan decided to take a chance when he determined to preach the Gospel. One does not know if they have what it takes to be a preacher until they “go for it”. We look forward to hearing Ben’s messages today.

This article is really not about what causes a person to “take a chance”, as much as it is about trusting in yourself...and more importantly, trusting in God...enough to “throw caution to the wind” and try to do something you might be hesitant to otherwise do.

There are 3 passages that come to mind for this subject.

Psalms 37:5 – Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass (NKJV).

Proverbs 29:25 – The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe (NKJV).

Isaiah 26:3 – You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You (NKJV).

It comes down to trusting in God more than whatever it is that you fear. Are you afraid to stand before a group and speak or pray? Trust God more than your fear. Do you have a fear of speaking to a friend or even a stranger about the Lord? Trust God more than your fear.

Is there something in your life that God wants to help you overcome, but you are so afraid of failure that you won’t even try? Trust God more than your fear.

We have God’s amazing promises. We have the comfort of knowing that God is with us. And we have the support of loving brethren around us in our times of need. One person said many years ago, “Let go, and let God.” That still rings true today.

I’m not saying you need to jump out of a plane, or take a mission trip to a foreign land. I am not even saying you need to get up and preach. I am saying that God is with you whenever you are doing what He asks you to do. So don’t let fear stop you from obeying the call of God. “Throw caution to the wind.” “Take a chance.” “Trust the Lord.” Do what you know you need to do to serve your God—
TODAY!

Robert