

# Essential Element #3 – RISKING TOGETHER

## Habit: *Risky Adventures*

Acts 5:27-29, 40-42 (New International Version)

*The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. <sup>28</sup> “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”<sup>29</sup> Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!...They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.”<sup>41</sup> The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. <sup>42</sup> Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.*

**The pages of the Bible are filled with incredibly vibrant faith communities. These believers had each other’s back. They risked comfort—even their lives—to live on mission with God. Their risking together created relational super glue.**

### The Habit’s Purpose

To take risks for Jesus with others creating deep relationships. Taking a risk for God can be scary and overwhelming. Especially if we go from taking no risks to thinking we need to risk everything. That’s why this habit involves taking a small risk—one that is only 10% beyond your comfort zone.

### Using This Tool Yourself

- ❖ **Step One:** Spend some time with God sharing your thoughts and feelings about taking risks for Him. Ask Him to guide your thoughts and actions in this experience.
- ❖ **Step Two:** Brainstorm a list of ideas for risks you could take for God that would take you 10% beyond your comfort zone. Set a 5-minute timer and come up with as many ideas as you can. Don’t worry about whether the ideas are good or not. Get as many ideas as you can on paper.
- ❖ **Step Three:** If you know your strongest APEST gifting, start thinking about how to use that in the risk you decide to take. If you don’t know that gifting, no problem. Just think of something you’re already really good at.
- ❖ **Step Four:** Go back over all the ideas you came up with and pick one.
- ❖ **Step Five:** Things actually get done when we put them in our calendars. Get your risk scheduled for sometime in the next seven days.
- ❖ **Step Six:** Afterward take 10 minutes to talk about how it went with a friend. How did it go? What did God teach you about taking risks for Him?

### Using This Tool With Others

- ❖ Use the tool on the next page to go on a risky adventure for Jesus with some friends. Once again, look for a risky adventure that pushes your group 10% out of its comfort zone. You may want to build on the risk you took as an individual. Or you can build upon some risk-taking actions for God that you have already started taking as a group.