

Sermon Title: REACHING and RISKING

Date: Sunday, February 18, 2018
 Speaker: Pastor J.



Background Scripture: Judges 6:1-14

Jumpstart and Review: Spiritually speaking, both obedience to & faith in the Word & Voice of God involve ZERO RISK b/c we are in the natural

*Dream activation & fulfillment begin w/ our willingness to do one thing ... RISK!

*An Irresistible Church, a church that God loves to bless, doesn't mind Reaching & Risking.

*RISK: Exposure to the church of injury or loss; hazard.

*Risk are everywhere, but are required for forward progress.

*The Midianites and the Amalekites moved as disorganized tribes. They were nomadic raiders. They would raid the crops and supplies of others. They would pitch their tents as they moved along. With sheer numbers, they overwhelmed the children of Israel, causing them to flee from their homes and live in caves and dens. (see Judges 6:1-2, 5)

*The Winepress – The place where the grape was crushed; the tool used to deplete the grape of its greatest asset, reducing the grape to a mere shell of itself.

- Evil/Sin does to the spirit of man what the winepress does to the grape.

Vs. 14 - ... *go in **this** thy might, ...*

- What was "this"? (ref. Joshua 1:9)

QFC (Questions For Consideration)

1. Read Judges 6:11. How often do we blame God for what the "winepress" has reduced us to when our action(s) or inaction(s) are often the cause for the "winepress moments"?

2. How do we tell the difference between the "winepress moments" that we instigate and the ones that God allow?

Reflect-n-Recap

1. *This week's lesson was ...*
2. *The areas I feel this lesson growing me are ...*
3. *Comments / Testimonial / Question*