

## Security Brief 6 Script – Biblical Principles of Risk Part 2

Ed Nye the Security Guy here with another Security Brief.

The last episode we talked about some biblical principles about risk. We saw that these principles were derived from the many risk narratives found in Scripture and we went in depth on three of the principles we can glean from Scripture.

As we discuss some more of these principles we are specifically going to talk about principles that can help guide our decisions about how to respond to risk events.

First, it almost goes without saying that **obedience to God requires being able to hear God's voice**. The assumption is that the missionary has a vibrant relationship with God and has learned how to listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit. No amount of strategic planning or risk mitigation can replace the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Another thing to remember – especially for those of us coming from an individualistic culture – is that **risk decisions are not made in a vacuum**. In other words, our decisions about risk impact more than just us. Scripture considers the greater impact to include family, colleagues or team, the community of believers, or those being reached with the Gospel. The risk narratives in Scripture demonstrate that the effect on a community frequently affects decisions. The community is not the only factor in risk decisions, but it is a prominent one.

We must also know that our **leadership can and will guide us in risk decisions**. Leaders can encourage us to take greater risks, offer guidance and encouragement in the risk moment, or even tell us to remove themselves from risk through evacuation, withdrawal, or relocation.

Finally, we need to understand that **God can redeem our risk decisions**. None of us can ever be perfect. We will make mistakes and at times may judge risk incorrectly. For instance, Mordecai understood that if Esther made the wrong choice, God would bring deliverance another way. Even in wrong decisions, it is important to remember that we can trust in God for right outcomes even in wrong decisions.

To sum it all up, when we are faced with a risk decision, we need to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit above all else. But we must also listen to our leaders and remember that whatever decision we make impacts far more people than we might initially think about. Finally, we need to be confident that God is sovereign and can redeem even a bad decision about a risky situation.

Now you know.

We'll wrap up our discussion about biblical principles of risk in the next Security Brief. See you then.