

# Security Briefs Episode 10

## Risk Myth Busters Part 3

In Episode 8, we discussed what “risk myths” were and where the concept came from. But to summarize, a risk myth is something that someone may tell us, or that we may tell ourselves in a moment of high risk that is unhelpful, untrue, and potentially damaging even though it seems like it may be Scriptural. For more details, check out Anna Hampton’s book *Facing Danger 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* by following the QR code on the screen or [following this link](#).

Let’s look at a few more risk myths and why we consider them myths.

### Risk Myth #3

#### **Escape or deliverance is the priority.**

In later episodes, we’ll talk about how our risk averse culture defaults to escape or deliverance from risk as being a priority. Suffice it to say that when we are facing extreme risk, threat, or even martyrdom, escape is not the priority.

As we mentioned in an earlier episode on the risk value of faith, we must make decisions in faith. Sometimes these decisions mean embracing risk, sometimes they mean avoiding risk. But in any situation, we must make our decisions in faith. As Anna Hampton says, “escape or deliverance is not the priority... faithfulness is.”

Sometimes we must take a stand like the three Hebrew men in Daniel 3 who said, “our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace... But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods...”

### Risk Myth #4

#### **You are building up all kinds of rewards because of the risks you are taking!**

This is not something that anyone who is faced with a risky decision enjoys hearing. This risk myth is closely related to the risk myth “the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church” which we discussed a couple of episodes ago. We are not guaranteed rewards if we take risks, nor are we guaranteed success.

Even the word “success” is a loaded word when it comes to our kind of work. What is Kingdom success, after all? Is it the number of new disciples or churches planted? Is it the frequency with which you share the Gospel? Is it being able to stay in a difficult situation against the odds?

I would submit that rewards and success have far more to do with being faithful, being obedient, remaining in Christ and his love, remaining in his joy, and remaining close to Jesus and listening to His voice.

Risk for the sake of risk is not rewarded.

Now you know.

Next time we'll talk more about some more risk myths.