Security Briefs Episode 18

Risk Myth Busters Part 7

In this episode, we're continuing to talk about the "risk myths" from Anna Hampton's book, *Facing Danger* (2nd Edition).

Today, we'll discuss two myths about suffering and fear when facing moments of risk.

Risk Myths

Risk Myth #13

Suffering for Christ while fulfilling my calling always glorifies God.

This myth assumes that enduring suffering or persecution in a risky situation automatically glorifies God. While it may appear heroic to others, God sees our inner motives and relationships. We tend to fall back on this risk to rationalize bad outcomes.

But glorifying God in suffering means listening to His voice, maintaining healthy relationships, and living habitually in alignment with His will. A martyr's death may honor God, but risking foolishly or dying with unresolved conflicts does not.

Living well each day ensures we are prepared to die well, bringing God the greatest glory.

Risk Myth #14

Feeling fear is not having faith in God.

This myth assumes fear contradicts faith, but fear is a natural human response to danger. The Bible doesn't condemn feeling fear—it addresses how we handle it.

- Fear arises when we face threats beyond our control. It's not sinful but a God-given response, like hunger or pain, meant to protect us.

- The Bible repeatedly says, "Do not fear," but these verses urge us not to stay paralyzed or let fear control us as in Psalm 55:22 and 1 Peter 5:7.

- Faith isn't the absence of fear—it's choosing to act courageously and trust God despite fear. Fear drives us to God, enabling us to see threats from His perspective and respond with courage.

- Unbelief, not fear, is the opposite of faith. Fear, when handled rightly, leads to reliance on God, courage, and faithful action.

In summary, feeling fear doesn't mean we lack faith; it's an opportunity to trust God and act courageously in the face of danger.

Now you know.

We'll come back to risk myths in later episodes, but next time we'll begin a new topic. We'll see you then.