



Lesson 12	February 21, 2021
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Risk Taker

In today's Bible lesson, we see Paul's commendation of Aquila and Priscilla for taking a risk for Paul. We do not know what risks were taken, but in some way they kept Paul from danger. God is using many people today who are modeling the lives of Aquila and Priscilla by daring to take risks. One example is Robert, a 62-year-old who was recently released from prison.

When Robert saw signs that a new fresh-fruit food market was hiring in his neighborhood, Robert applied. Robert was honest, admitting he had spent the past fifteen years in jail, but adding that he was a changed man who had learned from his mistakes. The manager hired Robert on the spot. Robert walked out of the interview realizing God was calling him to this place for a purpose; and whatever it was, God would reveal it to Robert in God's own time.

On Robert's first day, he took a walk around the block during his lunch break. Robert saw homeless men, women, and even children. Robert watched as people who had an opportunity to help walked by, refusing to even look their way. Some of the homeless openly begged for food, while others held out a cup, hoping for a little change. Robert asked God what mission God had for Robert to do. That evening, Robert believes, God gave him the answer.

Now, every day Robert makes sure he has coins in his pocket for the cups, and his boss allows Robert to take fresh fruit to distribute to the homeless as he takes his daily walk around the block. Robert has been passing out fruit, food, water, and now Bible tracts for a year. His mission has attracted others. At noon, a group of volunteers meet Robert outside the market and help Robert pass out food and, during the winter months, donated hats, gloves, and blankets.

Robert told a volunteer that his inspiration is his store manager, who dared to take a risk in hiring Robert. When Robert saw the homeless around the market Robert knew that God was calling him to take a risk and serve others and, in turn, serve God.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is God asking you to risk doing?
2. How uncomfortable is it for you to leave your comfort zone to serve others?
3. Discuss how Robert was walking by faith right into God's plan for his life.