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QUESTIONS FOR GOING DEEPER

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Risk-Takers

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INTRODUCTION

When the first Canadian Baptist missionaries went forth from Canada, they took immense risks; crossing oceans and crossing mountains to bring the hope of the Good News where there was no prior Christian mission work. In Bolivia, we were part of bringing the Protestant faith to the people.

Gordon King takes us back to the beginning of Canadian Baptist mission in Bolivia when the risks were extreme, including martyrdom. This historic event sparked growth in the Bolivian church as well as spurred Canadians to serve despite the risks.

EXCERPT

The mission of God has always depended on risk-takers. Missional risk-takers are men and women of faith who plunge their lives into hazards and potential danger with the purpose of serving God. Abraham was a risk-taker. He had left the security of homeland without knowing where he was going. He believed that God had a mission or purpose that he was called to fulfill (Hebrews 11:8).

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Let's examine our own fears when it comes to Jesus calling us out when the storms are raging all around. How would you respond to Christ's question of *Why are you afraid?*
2. Are there areas where courage may be needed right now? Be it personally, as a family, business, church, or other endeavour. What does courage look like to you?
3. Who inspires you because they showed courage? This can be a real-life example or biblical example. What about this person sets them apart?
4. What legacy do you want to have in the context of being a risk-taker for God?
5. There are many ways small risks make a big impact. Think of a raindrop in a pond that sends ripples along the surface to the shore. What we do matters, no matter how small. There are also the grand step-out-in-faith moments in our lives too. Are you facing any of those today?



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