RISK-TAKERS
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[set up]

How have you seen God work lately in your efforts to be a missionary and/or LifeHouse?

Have you ever let go of an attitude, relationship, pursuit, need to control, or dream that in the end you saw God use for His glory and your benefit?

[digging deeper]

Reacquaint yourself with Jochebed, the mother of Moses, by reading the following verses: **Exodus 2:1-10; Exodus 6:30; Numbers 26:59; and Hebrews 11:23.**

After reading those verses, why do we see Jochebed as a risk-taker in the Lord?

What are some of the most difficult moments in this true story?

How did she display a trust in God and how did we see God show up to use this situation for His glory and her benefit?

How can we relate to Jochebed when it comes to releasing something precious to us and trusting God to work despite the loss?

How is this different than the cliché phrase "let go and let God?" Is that what Jochebed did? Is that the best expression for what we are called to do (think of passive and active faith)?

How do these verses bring deeper clarity to the concept of "releasing"?
Ecclesiastes 3:6; Proverbs 3:4-5; Matthew 16:24; Romans 8:28.

Risk-taking sometimes means releasing…letting go. Write down a brief application of how this pertains to our:

Goals & plans _____

Relationships _____

Past failures _____

Past accomplishments _____

Resources (money & possessions) _____

Children _____

Other _____

[living it out]

What is something God has impressed on your heart from this study?

Which of the areas listed above is the most difficult for you to release as you take risks for the Lord? Which one is easier (if any)? How could you bear the fruit of new life in greater ways if you truly released these areas to God? How would you be more effective as a LifeHouse?

Close in prayer asking God to give you the courage, faith, and trust to open up your hand and release that which may be keeping you stuck—from trusting God more in your life and from taking greater risks for the cause of Christ.