

STEPPING INTO GOD'S CALL, part 2

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Have you ever experienced regret for missing a God-Opportunity? Big Os. Small Os.

Why don't we step out: ¹ Fear. ² Failure. ³ Foolish. ⁴ Freak. ⁵ Full. ⁶ Frustration.

BIG IDEA: Stepping into God's design for you and his work through you involves risk and lots of learning. *It is stepping out in faith into what has not happened yet.*

1 Take the _____, the Risk, Step in.

(Abraham, Gen. 1:4; Joshua, Josh 3:15-16; Peter water-walks, Mt. 14:28-29; Acts 10)

Acts 8:26-40: Philip & the Ethiopian!

¹ **God gives** Some direction.

² **He keeps his eyes open**, looking.

³ **God orchestrates a divine appointment.**

⁴ **He engages.** The impulse of God's Spirit.

⁵ **He asks questions.**

⁶ **He asks for a tangible response.**

2 You will get it _____—on the way to getting it _____.

Moses killed an Egyptian (Ex. 2:11-12).

Peter withdrew under pressure (Gal. 2:11-14).

Paul was denied by Spirit (16:6-10).

3 Pay Attention to God's _____ and Promptings.

"I tell you the solemn truth, the Son *can do nothing on his own initiative*, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise." **John 5:19** NET

"When you see God at work around you, your heart will leap inside and say, "Thank You, Father. Thank You for letting me be involved where You are." When I'm surrounded by God's activity and God opens my eyes to recognize His work, I always assume He wants me to join Him." **Henry Blackaby**

4 A _____ is helpful.

"Set apart for me Barnabas and Paul for my work"
Acts 13:2

NEXT STEPS

- **ASK:** *What has God already put in me? What am I doing with it?*
- **Take one PRACTICAL step into it.**
- **Ask others WHAT THEY SEE in you.**
- **Keep your EYES OPEN for God-opportunities.** Big Os & Small Os.
- **REPENT for not stepping up in the past.**