**Cornerstone Community Fellowship**

**“Measured Risk” (6/22/25)**

A. THE RISK *(Matthew 14:22-27)*

 1. *“Take courage”* –

 2. *“Don’t be afraid”* –

B. THE RESPONSE *(Matthew 14:28-33)*

 1. *“tell me to come to you”* –

 2. *“Come”* –

 a. God calls believers into risk

 b. Peter waited for the command

 3. *“Peter got down out of the boat”* –

PRACTICAL ACTION – What is the next step you need to take? Even a tiny step!

 4. *“walked on the water”* –

 5. *“came toward Jesus”* –

POINTS TO CONSIDER

 1. Godly risk is calculated.  *(Luke 14:28)*

THOUGHT – God doesn’t bless irresponsible decision making.

 2. Godly risk involves uncertainty. *(Deut 29:29)*

OBSERVATION - The wilderness is often trying and frustrating, but Scripture reminds us that it’s holy and full of possibility too. Consider its value.

 3. Godly risk requires persistence. *(Galatians 6:9)*

OBSERVATION - It’s a discipline to continue risking, stretching, and believing, especially when nothing appears to be changing.

 4. Godly risk ensures growth. *(2 Peter 3:18)*

INFORMATION - Immediate gratification is often self-serving and short-sighted; godly risk is God-driven with long-range benefits.

Conclusion –

 God’s voice will never call you to a place outside of His masterful plan. As you stretch for His hand of support, you will learn more about God’s trustworthiness. Are you ready to take the next step of “measured risk?”

B. THE EDUCATION

 1. The poverty of riches *(Mark 10:23-27)*

 a. *“how hard it is”* –

 b. *“It is easier”* –

 c. *“disciples were amazed”* – astonished

 2. The riches of poverty *(Mark 10:28-31)*

 a. *“We have left everything”* –

 b. *“receive a hundred times as much”*

QUOTE – “He is no fool who give what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.” - Jim Elliot