

Take A Risk

Left to myself...

Thank God Jesus has not left me to myself

1 Peter 1:3b

By his great mercy he has given [me] a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,...

Galatians 2:19b, 20

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2 Corinthians 5:14

For the love of Christ urges [me] on,...

2 Corinthians 5:20

[I am an] ambassador for Christ since God is making his appeal through [me]

Life is not loner about my comfort and preferences.

Life is about Jesus' mission.

Matthew 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.

Acts 1:8b

You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samarian and to the ends of the earth.

Preference Driven or Mission Centered

From preference to mission: The Journey of every disciple

How do I live a mission centered life?

Luke 9:23

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Deny yourself

Take up your cross daily

Follow me

Problem = The gravitational pull of a preference driven life.

We need to become Wesleyan again.

Back to the future

Grow smaller by launching groups of 10

Love two people into the kingdom: Take a risk

Deny yourself – Cross boundaries

Take up your cross – Stand with people Jesus misses most.

Follow Jesus – Include them in his family of faith.

Practice risk taking