



Make Me Dangerous | Shawn Johnson | 10.2.22

Weekly Study

SHARE

On Sunday, Shawn closed out the sermon series “Let’s Go Change the World” with a conversation about what it looks like to live dangerously as we are called to go and change the world with the Gospel. He gives us specific examples of how we can take our locations, our giftings, and our blessings and use them all to partner with God and go change the world.

Before we jump into the study, take some time to check in with your group and ask the following questions:

- What is the most impactful or challenging thing you learned during Sunday’s sermon?
- What did that thing teach you about God? About yourself?

GROW

[Read John 15:1-27](#)

In this Scripture Jesus is instructing the disciples about their calling and mission. As he instructs us to go do the same, being dangerous for the Gospel, he is emphasizing the only way to do so is complete dependence on him. Jesus knew how important it was for His disciples to fully know their relationship to himself. Just as he called for them to abide in him,

he also invites us to do the same. Have you ever wondered what Jesus meant when he said, "*Abide in me*"? The Hebrew definition gives us a deeper understanding of abiding. It reflects a deep, personal relationship and personal connection. The Greek word for abide which is used most often in the New Testament is translated much the same as the English definition: "to stay or wait."

Jesus explained that unless we remain attached to him, we will also become unfruitful, for a branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine and draws its strength and life from it. Jesus uses the metaphor of vines and branches to show the importance that branches can only bear fruit if abiding in the vine, and the only way that we are able to live dangerously in our faith is to be connected to the true vine, God. Without Jesus, we can do nothing. We cannot change the world for his glory without being connected to him.

- What does it mean to abide in Jesus as the branches to a vine? How do we abide?
- How are you staying connected to God throughout the week? What does this look like for you daily?
- Dive Deeper: As you connect with God this week, check out the new *Discipleship Guide* that can be found on the RRC app or on the website as a resource to help take your faith journey a bit deeper.

MOVE

Read Acts 4:29-31

This week Shawn challenged us to pray dangerously, asking God to take us out of comfort and go change the world. Jesus never meant for this life to be safe and comfortable, and the goal is not meant to be anything near that, but the end game is seeing Jesus face to face and bringing many people there with us making heaven more crowded.

In this Scripture, the followers of Jesus stayed connected to God as their life depended on it because it did. They knew to expect persecution because Jesus prepared them and told them it was coming. They fully trusted that God had a plan for them, and that Jesus promised that they would be protected while they lived out their mission here on earth (John 7:30; Acts 1:8).

These Jesus followers knew that it would require dangerous faith and that is why they are asking God for boldness despite the persecution that was upon them. They held onto the promise that God would go with them and so they went, dangerously serving, giving, and sharing their faith with boldness.

- How badly do you want to change the world for the Gospel? Do you want it enough to ask, seek, and knock *until* God answers us and to take risks that press our comfortability? Share how this resonates with you.
- How have you forgotten your calling and fallen into the desire to be safe and comfortable? Do you see this more during/after the COVID pandemic?

Following Jesus was never meant to be safe, and the goal is not meant to make us comfortable. As Shawn pointed out this week, there were less than 100 people in this story and they changed the world because they understood this! What if we go out today believing that the Holy Spirit goes with us, asking God to make us dangerous for him? Asking that he would give us the boldness and the awareness of the opportunities to give and serve dangerously while sharing the Gospel of Jesus? The followers of Jesus got it. They knew this was not a game and that the only way to live out on mission was connecting with him.

- As you are connecting with God this week, ask God for boldness to live dangerously with the awareness of the opportunities to serve and be generous and love out of the uncomfot of your calling. As you go, go expectant because he is ready for you to change the world for his Kingdom!

PRAY

Take time to pray together over your arenas of influence this week and for courage to go and make God known.

