

THE ADVENTURE

“LIFE IS NOT A PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED; IT IS AN ADVENTURE TO LIVE.” JOHN ELDREDGE

It is easy to settle for the cheap counterfeit of adventure: _____.

Three questions that can discern a God-given adventure:

First, does it _____ you?

Second, does it _____ you?

Finally, does it _____ God?

In the first 11 chapters of the Bible, God sets up His redemption and rescue plan for all of humanity. It culminates with a man named Abram, and his story begins not with blessing, but with adventure

Genesis 12:1-3: 1 “Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

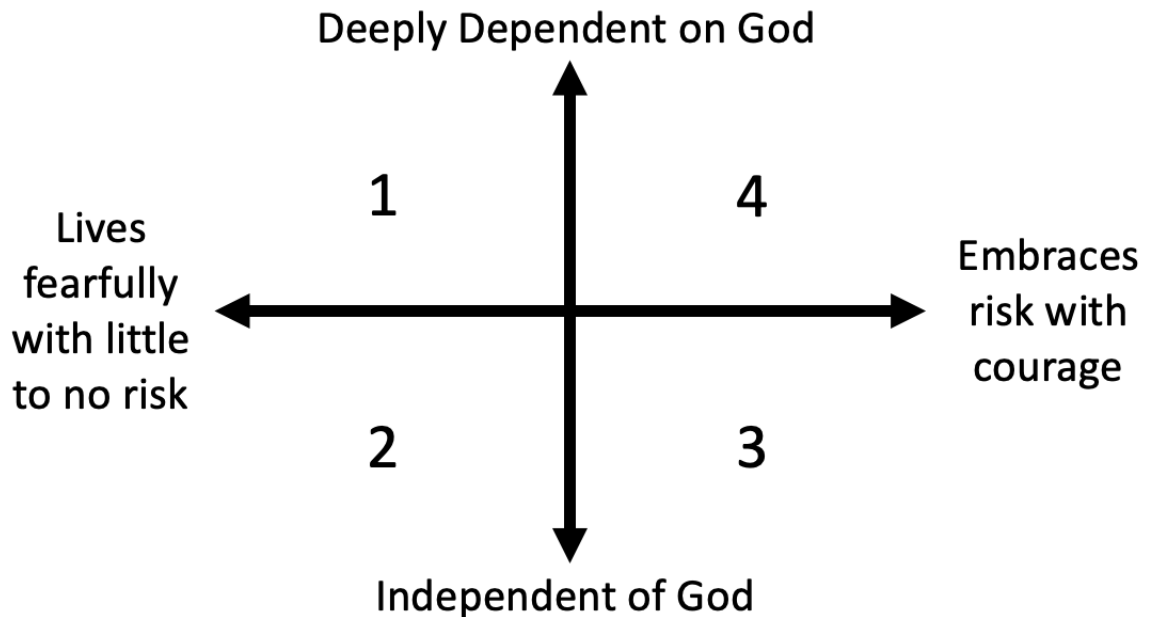
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS PART 1

Abraham’s adventure story contains three main elements of the adventure we are called to live

1. _____

We know how Abraham’s story ends, but he did not. He had to leave a known land for the unknown and trust God with the details.

Every adventure inevitably involves risk. While that can be terrifying and paralyzing, when we add God to the equation, risks are much more manageable.



Quadrant 1 Men: _____ but Spiritual. These men justify their cautiousness by calling it spiritual. They love control, and use their religion as tips and techniques for helping them control the world. They are tempted to stop attending church if they don't "get anything" out of it.

Quadrant 2 Men: Boring _____. These men are safe, but have no spiritual disguise for it. They coast through life and never ruffle any feathers. They play nice, are nice, and don't need God for any of it

Quadrant 3 Men: _____ Cards. You love to have one of these guys in your friend group. You never know what they will say, always have the best stories, and live life for the thrill of it. They love adventure, but it's godless adventure.

Quadrant 4 Men: Godly _____. They will take risks because of their dependence on God.

We are called to take risks, but we are called to take them with _____.

Luke 14:28-32: "For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?"

And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.”

The more _____ you seek, the more you will be weighed down.

Matthew 6:34 “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS PART 2

2. _____

Genesis 12:4-6 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

Joshua 1:9: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Deuteronomy 31:6: “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Psalms 31:24: “Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.”

When troubles arise and we are faced with the unknown, we can respond in one of three ways:

A. WE CAN SHRINK BACK AND _____ THE INVITATION TO THE ADVENTURE.

B. WE CAN _____, TRYING TO FIND A MIDDLE GROUND WHERE WE STILL MAINTAIN A SENSE OF CONTROL

C. WE CAN SIMPLY VENTURE FORWARD WITH GOD.

3. _____

Proverbs 3:5-6: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.”

Deuteronomy 10:11-13: “11 And the Lord said to me, ‘Arise, go on your journey at the head of the people, so that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore to their fathers to give them.’12 “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good?”

The danger of the modern American church is that we can become so comfortable in our pews and our rooms that we forget our mission and our purpose. The Church needs men who are willing to go on an adventure.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS PART 3

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