

Message Notes 10/5/25

What Matters Most - Week 2

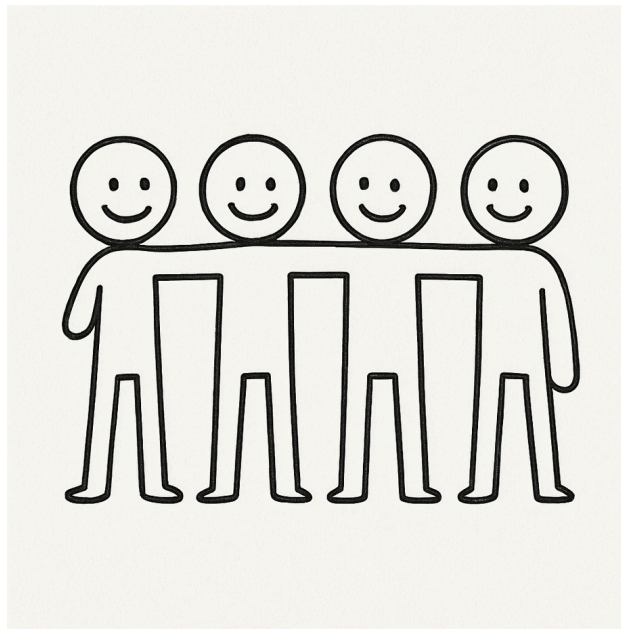
- We are a church that prays – **Prayer**
- We do anything short of sin to reach people for Jesus – **Courage**
- We make it easy for people to connect - **Belonging**
- We are a community of contributors, not consumers – **Engagement**
- We give up our preference for the sake of mission - **Sacrifice**
- We each invest in one – **Multiply**

- Comfort vs. Courage

Context	What was measured	What percentage leaned toward comfort / silence / avoiding risk
Risk vs playing safe in finance, career, social life	"U.S. Adults Prefer Playing It Safe" (Northwestern Mutual, 2019) — people's preferences when choosing risk vs stability in finances, careers, social lives. <small>Newsroom Nor...</small>	72% of U.S. adults said they're more comfortable reducing risk in their finances to ensure safety and stability, even if it means lower returns. <small>Newsroom Nor...</small> Also, 65% prefer consistency/stability in their career over making risky changes (moving jobs, etc.) <small>Newsroom Nor...</small> And 76% prefer staying in one place long-term rather than moving for potential growth. <small>Newsroom Nor...</small>
Speaking up in the workplace	How many topics do employees speak up about; how many are silent. <small>MIT Sloan Mana... +1</small>	Only 13.6% of surveyed employees spoke up on more than 10 out of 15 topics (meaning frequent speaking up). <small>MIT Sloan Mana...</small> 17.5% said they don't speak up at all. <small>MIT Sloan Mana...</small>
Silence to avoid conflict / staying quiet	Survey on political conversations and avoiding conflict. <small>State Policy Net...</small>	59% of Americans have stayed quiet in the past year in political conversations with friends/family/colleagues to avoid conflict. <small>State Policy Net...</small>
Risk dissatisfaction: taking too little risk	A study on people's satisfaction with how much risk they take in life. <small>SpringerLink</small>	Among people who say their risk-taking is "unsatisfactory," a large majority feel <i>they take too few risks</i> rather than "too many." Specifically, about 46% say they take <i>too few</i> risks in life (vs ~8% who say "too many"). <small>SpringerLink</small> Over 77% reported that in at least one domain they take an "unsatisfactory" level of risk. <small>SpringerLink</small>

- We do anything short of sin to reach people for Jesus – **Courage**
- Mark 2:1-12
- Luke 5:17-26

- Jesus is home
- Large number of people
- Main character = Passive
- Conflict



- Luke 5:18-19 (NIV) ¹⁸Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. ¹⁹When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.
- Courage to believe
- Courage to take action
- Luke 5:20 ²⁰When Jesus saw **their** faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."
- Courage to disrupt Jesus
- Luke 5:20 (NIV); Mark 2:5 (NIV)

“**Friend**, your sins are forgiven.”

“**Son**, your sins are forgiven.”

- Luke 5:25-26 (NIV) ²⁵ Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. ²⁶ Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.”

Courage starts new stories