

“Is it windy outside?”

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Many years ago my wife Jackie and I were Junior directors for our local church. One summer we took our Junior group to camp. Now at this time my wife and I were barely married. We were very young and I was very vain. On one of the days I was sporting my new red and blue Vans and my favorite 501 jeans during the camp recreation time. The kids were playing ball, sitting around talking and swimming in the lake. Jackie and I were watching some of our girls swimming, when all of a sudden it appeared that one of the girls was drowning. There was a life guard on duty but he was not alarmed by her actions. My wife shouted to me, “She’s drowning! Jump in!” My response was, “I don’t want to get my shoes wet!” A few seconds past and it was apparent she was drowning. At that moment my shoes didn’t matter, I threw caution to the wind and jumped in fully clothed and saved her.

As Christians, have we become so reserved and/or comfortable we are not willing to throw caution to the wind and take a risk with God? The story of Abraham and his son Isaac is a good example of setting aside something of value to take a risk and trust God. *Then He (God) said, “Take now your son, your **only** son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and **offer him** there as a **burnt offering** on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”* Genesis 22:2. What amazes me is Abraham’s response to this command to sacrifice Isaac his precious son whom he waited all his adult life to have. *So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.* Genesis 22:3. There was no hesitation to jump right in. Abraham took the risk and trusted God with Isaac’s life. He didn’t know what God was going to do. Abraham just knew God could be trusted. *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind”.*

II Timothy 1:7.

This week let’s check our core values. Are the things we value more important than God? So much that we won’t throw caution to the wind and trust Him? *“... Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine.* Isaiah 43:1.

