

PLAYING IT SAFE

July 25, 2021

Mark 11:27-33

Why did the religious leaders choose to play it safe?

- I. They didn't want to _____ to Christ's authority. – v. 28

II. They _____ more than they feared God. – v. 31-33

**WHEN IT COMES TO FAITH, PLAYING IT _____
IS THE GREATEST _____ YOU CAN TAKE.**

Stewardship Report:

Last Week: \$7,799.58

This Month: \$22,294.39

Last Month: \$23,734.00

Monthly Budget: \$26,531.00



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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. STUDY THE SCRIPTURE

Are you more of a risk-taker or risk-avoider in your life? Why? How does that impact or relate to living out your faith?

Read Mark 11:27-33. What was driving the Pharisee's approach and response to Jesus in this passage? What did they gain and what did they lose as a result?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

When you think about submitting to Christ's authority in your life do you feel encouraged, excited, worried, scared, reluctant, resentful, or something else? Why? Why is it safer to be under Christ's authority than our own? How have you experienced that truth?



What is the risk of living with a fear of man? What is the outcome of living with a fear of man? We all struggle with this sometimes because we don't want to risk getting a negative response from others. What is the risk of fearing man more than fearing God? How have you experienced the benefit of having a healthy fear of God?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Where in your life are you “playing it safe” with God? What is He asking you to do that is risky and will require faith in Him? What is keeping you from doing it?



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