

# Take a Risk!

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## Multiplying for Ministry

by Rev. Dale Glading, President

In 1984, Faberge Organics shampoo launched an iconic TV commercial featuring Heather Locklear. The popular actress starts out by saying that the shampoo worked so well that she told two friends about it... and they told two friends... and they told two friends... and so on and so on. Each time the two friends told their two friends, the scene showed Heather's face multiplying until the entire screen was covered by dozens of small Heather Locklear snapshots.

The idea behind the ad campaign was that Faberge's product was so good that people who used it simply couldn't keep the results to themselves. Well, guess what? It worked! The commercial took Madison Avenue by storm, and the shampoo flew off the shelves. After all, every teenage girl - and quite a few women in their twenties, thirties, and forties - wanted their hair to look just like Heather Locklear's.

Over the past several months, we've seen something similar happen at Risk Takers for Christ as far as our prison ministry basketball team is concerned. You might remember that we made our first prison trip in four years on November 1st, and only five players were able to make it along with me and one non-playing volunteer. But God used those seven men to accomplish some incredible - almost miraculous - results. Despite being so short-handed, our team played exceptionally well and hung tough against three different (and very talented) inmate squads. When the dust

cleared, we had lost the first two games by 5 and 12 points, respectively, and won the third game in a blowout.

Most importantly, we distributed gospel literature to an estimated 400 inmates, preached twice, and saw 10 men make professions of faith in Jesus Christ!

To say that our exhausted players were "pumped" by the experience would be a gross understatement, especially since it was the first such trip for four of them. We made sure it was a positive experience by rewarding them with a nice dinner on the way home and they couldn't wait to tell their friends and relatives about their first time ministering "behind bars".

The following Monday night, I asked one of the players, Charles Brown, to speak at our Living H2O Initiative, the weekly basketball program that we conduct for at-risk youth. In fact, Charles, Bo, Marty, and Aaron - four of our first-time players - all were recruited from that program.

Charles said that he was hesitant to join our team initially, mentioning that some of his family members had tried to talk him out of it. But when Bo said that he was going, Charles decided to volunteer as well. He then described his pregame "jitters", not knowing what to expect going into prison for the first time. "But the inmates are regular guys who simply made some mistakes", Charles explained.

"Now I can't wait for our next prison trip,"

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Charles added at the end of his talk.

When Charles was done speaking, I invited the rest of the young men in the gym to consider joining us before our next trip on February 7th to South Bay Correctional Facility. "If you are truly born again, have the right temperament, and can play a little ball, this is a perfect opportunity to use your athletic ability for God's glory", I explained.

No sooner did I finish talking but three young men approached me to say that they were interested in joining our team. All three are outstanding basketball players and will be real assets to our squad. Most importantly, they are joining for the right reason: to minister to lost and

lonely prisoners. And it all started because Charles told someone - actually a gym full of young men - how great the experience was going into prison for the first time and sharing the gospel.

That's the way recruiting works... and that's the way evangelism works, too. As the old southern gospel song goes, "I'm just a nobody, trying to tell everybody, that there's a Somebody, who can save anybody."

Or as D.T. Niles famously said, "Evangelism is just one beggar telling another where to find bread."

My friend, that's exactly what Risk Takers for Christ is all about... telling spiritually-hungry people where to find the Bread of Life (John 6:35). Thank you for equipping us to carry out that critical mission through your prayers and financial support.

## Hospital of the Cross

by Alistair Begg

*"Ask, and it will be given to you."*

- Matthew 7:7

There was a place in England that no longer exists, where a loaf of bread was served to every passerby who chose to ask for it. Whoever the traveler was, he had only to knock at the door of St. Cross Hospital, and the loaf of bread was his to enjoy. Jesus Christ loves sinners so much that He has built a St. Cross Hospital, so that whenever a sinner is hungry, he has only to knock and have his needs supplied.

He has actually done better: This Hospital of the Cross has a bath; and whenever a soul is marred and filthy, it may go to this effective fountain and be cleansed. No sinner ever went into it and found that it could not wash away his stains. Sins that were scarlet and crimson have all disappeared, and the sinner was made whiter than snow.

As if this were not enough, there is attached to this Hospital of the Cross a dressing room, and a sinner making application simply as a sinner may be clothed from head to foot; and if he wishes to be a soldier, he will be provided not just with street clothes, but with armor that will cover him from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. If he asks for a sword, that will be given to him, and a shield too. He will be denied nothing that is good for him. He will have spending money as long as he lives, and he will have an eternal heritage of glorious

treasure when he enters into the joy of his Lord.

If all these things are available by simply knocking at mercy's door, then, my soul, knock hard this morning, and make large requests of your generous Lord. Do not leave the throne of grace until all your wants have been spread before the Lord and until by faith you are confident that they will all be supplied.

You need not be shy about taking Jesus up on His invitation. No unbelief should hinder when Jesus promises. No coldheartedness should restrain when such blessings are to be obtained.

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## RTC Prison Ministry Basketball Team Schedule



- ▶ February 7, 2026 - South Bay CF, South Bay FL
- ▶ May 2, 2026 - Putnam CI, East Palatka FL
- ▶ August 1, 2026 - Sumter CI, Bushnell FL
- ▶ November 7, 2026 - Avon Park CI, Avon Park FL & DeSoto CI, Arcadia FL

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- ▷ Friday, March 6 - 6:30 to 9 p.m. (light refreshments)
- ▷ Saturday, March 7 - 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (inc. a catered lunch)

(Thursday & Friday sessions are FREE. Saturday's session is \$20 pp or \$35 per couple.)

To register, visit [www.risktakersforchrist.org](http://www.risktakersforchrist.org) or email [info@risktakersforchrist.org](mailto:info@risktakersforchrist.org)

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## **The Error of Positive Thinking**

by Os Hillman

*"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord Almighty." - Zechariah 4:6*

God's people should be the most positive, joyful people on earth. This joy should be a by product of a healthy, intimate relationship with Jesus. In today's business climate, we are barraged with every possible means of becoming more productive workplace believers. Positive thinking and self-help philosophy are promoted as tools for workplace believers to fulfill their potential and overcome the mountains in their lives. God calls each of us to be visionary leaders, but we must be careful that vision is born out of His Spirit, not the latest self-help program. These ideas lead us away from dependence on God to a self-based psychology designed to give us more power, prosperity, and significance.

The result is heresy. Our faith in God becomes faith in faith. It is born out of hard work and diligence rather than obedience to God's Spirit. The problem lies in that these philosophies sound good, and can even be supported by Bible verses. Beware of anything that puts the burden of performance on you rather than God. There are times in our lives when God doesn't want us to climb every mountain. Sometimes He wants us to go around. Knowing the difference is the key to being a man or woman led by the Spirit.

God has called us to affect the workplace through His Spirit, not by our might. Have you tapped into the real power source of the soul? Ask the Lord to reveal and empower you through His Spirit today. Then you will know what real positive thinking is.

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Sunday, January 25, 2026, 2-3 PM

Along Route 60 (20<sup>th</sup> Ave.) from St. Helen's to 58<sup>th</sup> St.

Contact Katherine Booth (386.506.9477) or Dale Glading (772.539.1826) for more information.

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