



“Early Church”
 (“When an Enemy Needs a Friend”)
 Acts 9:26-31

“RISK”

What keeps us from taking a “Risk” on _____?

1. _____ keeps us from taking a risk.
 - Sometimes fear can sound a lot like _____.
 - Fear wants to keep us right where we are when God has a better _____ for us.
2. _____ keeps us from taking a risk.
3. _____ keeps us from taking a risk.
 - Cynicism happens when we decide that our preconceived _____ represent reality; we apply them to everyone and everything.

People don't _____.

They can't be _____.

Risks are never _____ it.

Cynicism is taking all of our fear and doubts and making them “_____” (Like a “hardened _____” we can wear to protect us from the world).

Cynicism hardens our _____ to true relationship and makes future potential friends pay for the sins of past relationships.

- Fear says: “They might _____ you!”
- Doubt says: “They probably haven't _____!”
- Cynicism says: “They will _____ you and they will never _____.”

How We Can Be a Barnabas for Others

1. Take time to _____ their story!
 - We need to move past our fear and be willing to hear their story
2. Verify the _____!
 - We need to overcome our doubts by verifying the facts.
3. Trust in God's _____!
 - We need to reject cynicism and trust in God's power.