Keepers of the Flame 2019

Understanding Our Relationship with Risk



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Definition of Risk:

Any action we take with an uncertain outcome <u>For today</u>: NOT everyday risk

Risk we take on voluntarily





Handing husband the book





What I [feared] risked



What I saw

Our Relationship with Risk



Risk Vulnerability Courage





Risk | Vulnerability | Courage

"Vulnerability is what we feel when we are present to risk, uncertainty, and emotional exposure."

"After thousands of hours of research, the conclusion: *There is no courage without vulnerability*."

- Brene' Brown

"You know you're out front when you have arrows in your butt."





Our Relationship with Risk: Mixed

Risk | Vulnerability | Uncertain Outcome | Emotional Exposure

Potential Reward | No Real Rewards Without It

No guarantees



Keepers: A Place Where We Take Risks

- Open up, share
- Take things out in the open, turn them around, look at them differently
- Take risks, try things on
- Envision going back and taking risks in our lives

Our Relationship With Risk: Questions to ponder and share

Looking Back:

1. Think of a time you acted courageously, took a significant risk: what did you risk? What was uncertain about the outcome?

2. Still thinking of that time you acted courageously: What was your emotional exposure? What was the reward?

Looking Forward:

3. Where in your life are you holding back due to risk, uncertainty and emotional exposure?

4. **Explore taking that risk** in your breakout group: what is the risk? What is uncertain about the outcome? If you acted courageously, what is the worst thing that could happen, and could you live with that? What is the potential reward?