

Learning to Discern and Respond Properly to Risk in Missionary Endeavor

Instructions for Case Study on Risk (MAT 2025)

1. Read [*Facing Danger: A Guide Through Risk*](#) (Second Edition) by Anna Hampton, Chapters 1-2, 9.
2. Read and study Acts 20:17-21:36, and be prepared to discuss the following questions about the risks Paul faced in this account.
 - a. What did Paul's friends think about him taking those risks?
 - i. What risks did they foresee Paul facing?
 - ii. What was their advice?
 - b. What did Paul know about the risks awaiting him?
 - i. What were the risks that he foresaw?
 - ii. Did he think they were possible or certain?
 - iii. What were Paul's arguments for taking the risks? In other words, what was his attitude toward risk?
 - c. Did Paul do the will of God in going to Jerusalem? Explain your answer in light of Acts 20:22, 21:4, and 21:11-14.
 - d. Did Paul's going to Jerusalem endanger other believers?
 - e. Should endangering others be a major consideration in making ministry and travel plans? For this answer, feel free to reference other passages.
 - f. Did Paul do anything to mitigate risk for himself or for others?
 - g. What lessons that apply to modern day missions can we learn from Paul's example?
 - h. If time allows: What risks do you foresee/experience on your field?
3. Risk Myth #1 in Chapter 9 of *Facing Danger* is "You are never safer than when you are at the center of God's will." Is the author correct that this statement is a myth? Give reasons for your answer.