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### **Abstract**

The plan God devised to save humanity was not an afterthought, something that God came up with resultant to the Fall (Gen 3). Being the Omniscient, Omnipresent and Omnipotent God he is, God foresaw even before creation what was to come and had devised a plan. In that plan, God the Son was to die for the human race (Rev 13:8). It was only when that plan was in place that the creation went ahead (John 1:1-3). That plan is often referred to as the Plan of Redemption aka the Plan of Salvation.

Right in the heart of the Plan of Redemption, two attributes of God co- existed. They are love and risk taking. To rescue fallen humanity was a risky entrepreneurship, yet love demanded that the risk be taken. Therefore, focusing on the end result, which was the salvation of humanity, the risk was counted worthy of the cost. In essence, where love permeates, risk taking ensures. The loving God is a risk-taking God. Yet, the latter seems absent in any theological discussions centred around love.

This paper seeks to appreciate the virtue of risk and risk-taking, how it can be implemented in missions, and the blessings that derive from taking risks. It is divided into six major sections.

First section succinctly defines risk and the virtue of risk taking. The second section looks at triggers of risk taking. The third section delves into Exodus 2 and illustrates how Jochebed took risks to save a life that went on to be the redeemer of Israel, a picture of Jesus who was to come. The fourth section then reaffirms there are third-parties ready to step in only as one takes the risk. The fifth section looks at how God intervenes. The final section deals with the benefits of risk taking.

