Worth the Risk

Wrapped up in our ability to rebel against God lies our ability to truly love Him.

Our love and deepest affections cannot be taken from us, they must be given.

Sin is not a <u>cosmic mistake</u>, it was God's way of being able to be truly loved by the children that He created.

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. 2 She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. 3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. 4 Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. 5 She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter."...7 Then war broke out in heaven. Revelation 12:1-5

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

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"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:8-14

"Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters." Matthew 12:30

The spiritual boredom that many people feel is related to spiritual apathy.

If Satan can keep personally conflicted with the things that do not matter, then we will never wage war on the things that do matter.

...our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

As long as we are not <u>actively engaged</u> in the things that matter to God, we will never live the life that we have been <u>spiritually created</u> to live.

We will never pursue the risky life that <u>God desires</u> for us while we are pursuing the comfortable one that Satan does.