

MEN'S RETREAT 2006 – "RISK IT ALL FOR CHRIST"

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I extend an invitation and a challenge to the men of First

Community Church. First, to answer the question, "Are you willing to risk it all for the cause of Christ?"

Second, closely related to the first, is to attend the Men's Retreat this November 17 & 18 at Camp McPherson in Danville.

Consider, most, if not all of us, are willing to say "the time is growing short and the return of Jesus isn't far off. Perhaps we say it for the thrill of saying it, perhaps to sound "in-the-know" and "spiritual." Whatever the reason, the reality is that we are all faced with the eternal question, "if time is really short, and Jesus is about to take His people out of this world, am I really ready for that to happen? If He took His people in the next instant, would I be included?"

"For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matthew 16:25, 26

*"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."
Philippians 1:21*

The answer lies deep within the answer to the question of who or what is really sitting on the throne

of your heart? Can you honestly say that Jesus sits, unchallenged, on the throne of your heart? Both Jesus Himself and the Apostle Paul said that unless we are willing to die to ourselves, to give up and release the things of this world, we would gain that world but would lose our soul.

At this year's retreat, we will probe the question, "Am I willing to risk it all for Christ?" The options are few. In fact, there are just two. Gain the world and forfeit your soul; or lay down your life and find true life, eternal life in Christ.

What will it be men? May God be with you as you make the call.

