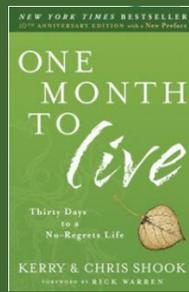


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Make It Last For Life

DAY 6: Monkey Bars Risking Greatness

Make a list of the items, resources, gifts, and opportunities you are presently entrusted with stewarding. Beside each one describe how it came to you (for instance, you were born with it, someone gave it to you, you worked for it), and then note how much control you had over how it came to you. Finally, jot down how you think God would like you to invest each item on your list and how you can pursue this investment.

When have you been disappointed by God? How did He not come through for you the way you wanted Him to? How did this affect your relationship with Him? How can you exercise trust in Him as your loving Father even when you feel disappointed? Spend some time relating your disappointment and asking Him to help you trust Him more fully.

Write down one risk that you believe God is calling you to take presently in your life. Describe your fears about taking this risk. Describe the worst-case scenario if you take this risk and fail. Pray that God will help you face your fears so you can do what He wants.